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JENNIE BAXTER: JOURNALIST

BY ROBERT BARR.

VIII.—The Robbery in the Sleeping Car.

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Jennie had promised [illegible] friend not to communicate with the director of police, and she now wondered whether she would be taking [illegible] word or not if she let that official know the result of her investigation when it could make no difference one way or the other to the professor. [illegible] would have been to his own sudden death, would he not, she asked herself, have preferred to make public all she knew of him, for had he not constantly reiterated that fame, and the consequent transmission of his name to posterity, was what he worked for? Then there was this consideration—if the chief of police was not told how the explosion had been caused, his fruitless search would go futilely on, and doubtless in the course of police inquiry, many innocent persons would be arrested, put to inconvenience and expense, and there was even a chance that one or more who had absolutely nothing to do with the affair might be imprisoned for life. She resolved, therefore, to tell the director of the police all she knew, which she would not have done had Professor Seigfried been alive. She accordingly sent a messenger for the great official, and just as she had begun to relate to the impatient princess what had happened he was announced. The three of them held convention in Jennie's drawing room with locked doors.

"I am in a position," began Jennie, "to tell you how the explosion in the treasury was caused and who caused it, but before doing so you must promise to grant me two favors, each of which is in your power to bestow without inconvenience."

"What are they?" asked the director of police cautiously.

"To tell what they are is to tell part of my story. You must first promise blindly and afterward keep your promise faithfully."

"Those are rather unusual terms, Miss Baxter," said the chief, "but I accede to them, the more willingly as we have found that all the gold is still in the treasury, as you said it was."

"Very well, then, the first favor is that I shall not be called to give testimony when an inquest is held on the body of Professor Carl Seigfried."

"You amaze me!" cried the director. "How did you know he was dead? I had news of it only a moment before I left my office."

"I was with him when he died," said Jennie simply, which statement drew forth an exclamation of surprise from both the princess and the director. "My next request is that you destroy utterly a machine which stands on a table near the center of the professor's room. Perhaps the instrument is already disabled—I believe it is—but nevertheless I shall not rest content until you have seen that every vestige of it is made away with, because the study of what is left of it may enable some other scientist to put it in working order again. I cannot [illegible] to attend to this matter yourself. I will go with you, if you wish me to, and point out the instrument in case it has been moved from its position."

"The room is sealed up," said the director, "and nothing will be touched until I arrive there. What is the nature of this instrument?"

"It is of a nature so deadly and destructive that if it got into the hands of an anarchist he could alone lay the city of Vienna in ruins."

"Good heavens!" cried the horrified official, whose bane was the anarchists, and Jennie, in mentioning this particular type of criminals, had builded better than she knew. If she had told him that the professor's invention might enable Austria to conquer all the surrounding nations, there is every chance that the machine would have been carefully preserved.

"The explosion in the treasury vaults," continued Jennie, "was accidentally caused by that instrument, although the machine at the moment was in a garret half a mile away. You saw the terrible effect of that explosion. Imagine, then, the destruction it would cause in the hands of one of those anarchists."

"I shall destroy the instrument with my own hands," asserted the director fervently, mopping his pallid brow.

Jennie then went on, to the increasing astonishment of the princess and the director, and related every detail of her interview with the late Professor Carl Seigfried.

"I shall go at once and annihilate that machine," said the director, rising when the recital had been finished. "I shall see to that myself. Then, after the inquest, I shall give an order that everything in the attic is to be destroyed. I wish all the scientists on the face of the earth could be safely placed behind prison bars."

"I am afraid that wouldn't do much good," said Jennie, "unless you could prevent chemicals being smuggled in. The scientists would probably reduce your prison to powder and walk calmly out through the dust."

Mr. Hardwick had told Jennie that if she solved the Vienna mystery she would make a European reputation for The Daily Bugle. Jennie did more than was expected of her, yet the European reputation which The Bugle established was not one to be envied. It is true that the account printed of the cause of the explosion dramatically finished off with the professor's tragical sudden death, caused a great sensation in London. The comic papers of the week were full of illustrations showing the uses to which the professor's instrument might be put. To say that any sane man in England believed a word of the article would be to cast an undeserved slight upon the intelligence of the British public. No one paused to think that if a newspaper had published an account of what could be done by Roentgen rays without being able to demonstrate practically the truth of the assertions made, the article would have been laughed at. If some years ago a newspaper had stated that a man in York listened to the voice of a friend, at that moment standing in London, and was not only able to hear what his friend said, but could actually recognize the voice speaking in an ordinary tone, and then if the paper had added that, unfortunately, the instrument which accomplished this had been destroyed, people would have spoken of the sensational nature of modern journalism.

Letters poured in upon the editor, saying that, while, as a general thing, the writers were willing to stand the ordinary lies of column too daily printed in the sheet, there was a limit to their credulity, and that they objected to be taken for drivelling imbeciles. To complete the discomfiture of The Daily Bugle the government of Austria published a semi-official statement which Reuter and the special correspondents scattered broadcast over the earth. The statement was written in that calm [illegible] of more than ordinary [illegible].

Irrespective [illegible] rumors had been [illegible] the whole [illegible] Austria [illegible] before them [illegible] had in some [illegible] of the dark art [illegible] the public [illegible] making the following [illegible]. First, not a penny had been [illegible] of the treasury, second, [illegible] was totally [illegible] securely within its bolted doors, fourth, the coins were not, as had been alleged, those belonging to various countries, which was a covert intimation that Austria had hostile intent against one or the other of these friendly nations. [illegible] war chest, which was not [illegible] entirely in Austria [illegible] order that those [illegible] quieting scandals [illegible] the government [illegible] to watch this [illegible] from Russia, Germany, France and England to witness this weighing.

This day after this [illegible] took place in Vienna long telegraphic accounts of it appeared in the English press, and several leading articles were put forward in the editorial columns, which, without mentioning the name of The Daily Bugle, deplored the veracity of the sensational editor, who respected neither the amity which should exist between friendly nations nor the good name of the honored and respected dead in his wolfish hunt for the daily scandal. Nothing was too high or too inapproachable for him to [illegible] the supposed gullibility of the public. But, fortunately, in the long run, these statements [illegible] sensational [illegible].

Sensational journals merited and received the scathing contempt of all honest men. Later on one of the reviews had an article entitled "Some Aspects of Modern Journalism," which struck the head of The Daily Bugle with a sledge hammer, and in one of the quarterlies a professor at Cambridge showed the absurdity of the alleged invention from a scientific point of view.

"I swear," cried Mr. Hardwick, as he paced up and down his room, "that I shall be more careful after this in handling the truth. It is a dangerous thing to meddle with. If you tell the truth about a man, you are indicted for a libel suit, and if you tell the truth about a nation the united press of the country is down upon you. Ah, well, it makes the battle of life all the more interesting, and we are battled to fight better, as Browning says."

The editor had sent for Miss Baxter, and she now sat by his desk while he paced up and down the floor. The doors were closed and locked so that they might not be interrupted, and she knew by the editor's manner that something important was on hand. She had returned to London after a month's stay in Vienna and had been occupied for a week at her old routine work in the office.

"Now, Miss Baxter," said the editor, when he had [illegible] his fear of the nation, "I have a [illegible] and want you [illegible] what it is I am quite prepared to hear you refuse to have anything to do with it, and, remember, if you do undertake it, there is but one chance in a million of your succeeding. It is on that one chance that I propose now to send you to St. Petersburg."

"To St. Petersburg!" echoed the girl in dismay.

"Yes," said the chief, mistaking the purport of her exclamation. "It is a very long journey, but you can travel in great comfort, and I want you to spare no expense in obtaining for yourself any luxury that travel can afford during your journey to St. Petersburg and back."

"And what am I to get at St. Petersburg for?" murmured Jennie faintly.

"Merely for a letter. Here is what has happened and what is happening. I shall mention no names, but at present a high and mighty personage in Russia who is friendly to Great Britain has written a private letter making some proposals to a certain high and mighty personage in England who is friendly to Russia. This communication is entirely unofficial; neither government is supposed to know anything at all about it. As a matter of fact, the Russian government has a suspicion and the British government has a certainty that such a document will shortly be in transit. Nothing may come of it, or great things may come of it. Now, on the night of the 21st, on one of the sleeping cars leaving St. Petersburg by the Nord express for Berlin, there will travel a special messenger having this letter in his possession. I want you to take passage by that same train and secure a compartment near the messenger, if possible. This messenger will be a man in whom the respective parties to the negotiation have implicit confidence. I wish I knew his name, but I don't. Still the chances are that he is leaving London for St. Petersburg about this time, and so you might keep your eyes open even in the journey there, for if you discovered him to be your fellow passenger it might perhaps make [illegible] that comes after easier. You see this envelope," said the editor, taking from a drawer in his desk a large envelope, the flap of which was secured by a great piece of stamped sealing wax. "This envelope contains a [illegible] of The Daily Bugle [illegible] sent [illegible] which is to leave St. Petersburg [illegible]. Now, what I want you to do is to take this envelope with you [illegible] and if on the journey [illegible] you have [illegible]"

"[illegible]," cried Jennie, "[illegible] Mr. Hardwick [illegible] short of highway [illegible]."

"I know it looks [illegible] that [illegible] Mr. Hardwick [illegible] to [illegible] the letter and its contents [illegible]. The [illegible] letter will [illegible] it will reach the hands of the high and mighty personage in England quite intact. The only difference is that you will be [illegible] of the messenger [illegible]."

"You expect [illegible] open the letter, then, in [illegible] way [illegible] that would [illegible] afterward? Oh, I couldn't do it, Mr. Hardwick!"

"My dear girl, you are jumping at conclusions. I shall amaze you when I tell you that [illegible] I [illegible] envelope I want you to [illegible] while you are on the train [illegible] I will meet you at the terminus [illegible] I shall take the document [illegible] official, even before the [illegible] messenger has time to [illegible] to the official. The [illegible] from the high personage in [illegible] the high personage in England [illegible] want the document, I will give it to you, but it must be understood that you are to be a little less friendly to certain newspapers and a little more friendly to mine in future.'"

"And suppose he refuses your terms?"

"He won't refuse them, but if he does I shall hand him the envelope just the same."

"Well, honestly, Mr. Hardwick, I don't think your scheme worth the amount of money it will cost, and, besides, the chance of my getting hold of the document, which will doubtless be locked safely within a dispatch box and constantly under the eye of the messenger, is most remote."

"I am more than willing to [illegible] that if you will not [illegible]. You speak lightly of my scheme, but that is merely because you do not understand the situation. Everything that I have heretofore done has been of temporary advantage to the paper, but if you carry this out I expect the benefit to The Bugle will be lasting. It will give me a standing with officials [illegible] that I have never before succeeded in getting. In the first place it will give them an idea of the power [illegible] a powerful newspaper [illegible] got information [illegible]"

"Very well, Mr. Hardwick, I [illegible] but I warn you [illegible] failure. In everything [illegible] deserve [illegible] success [illegible]."

"As I told you, Miss Baxter, the [illegible] yet detail will be [illegible] been impossible [illegible] if any one on earth could carry it out [illegible]."

And thus it was that Jennie Baxter found herself in due time in the great capital of the north, with a room in the Hotel de l'Europe overlooking the Nevski Prospect [illegible] showed her [illegible] St. Petersburg [illegible] that at any [illegible] Lord [illegible] that he would leave [illegible]. Therefore she remained in her room [illegible] watching the strange street scene from her window. She [illegible] scrutinizing everyone who [illegible] of being an English [illegible] confess to a [illegible] during her stay [illegible] she saw nothing [illegible].

Jennie went [illegible] arrival, to the office of the sleeping car company [illegible] of the carriages that [illegible] the evening of the 21st [illegible] difficulty [illegible] were several sleeping cars [illegible] and she was [illegible] select. She studied the [illegible] the plans of the carriages [illegible].

"I should like [illegible] containing [illegible]," said the girl [illegible] give her [illegible]."

"Then [illegible] one berth [illegible] marked with [illegible]."

"Ah, well, I will take [illegible] ment next to [illegible]," said Jennie.

"Oh, I am sorry to say that [illegible] been taken! The [illegible] ments which are [illegible] der what [illegible] Probably the company [illegible] But I can [illegible] basy. It is a two berth room, Nos. 5 and 6."

"That will do quite as well," said Jennie.

"It is not recorded here by whom room B was booked. A curious thing," he continued, lowering his voice almost to a whisper and looking furtively over his shoulder, "when no name is marked down that means the Russian police. Some secret [illegible] you will not only be near [illegible] of the British embassy, but also [illegible] the protection of [illegible] one [illegible] a two berth compartment."

"I desire the whole [illegible], if you please."

She paid the price and departed, [illegible] decided [illegible] not [illegible].

[illegible] Jennie went early to the station on the night of the 21st and entered the sleeping car [illegible] she was allowed to do so. The conductor seemed somewhat flustered at her anxiety to get to her room, and he examined her ticket with great care. Then, telling her to follow him, he took her to room B, in which were situated berths 5 and 6, upper and lower. The berths were not made up and there was a wide one seat, made to accommodate two persons. The conductor went out on the platform again, and Jennie, making herself at home in the carriage, walked up and down the narrow passageway at the side to get a better idea of her surroundings.

Room C, next to her own, was the one taken by the British embassy. Room D still farther on, was the one [illegible] had been [illegible] She stood [illegible] a few moments by the broad plate glass window that lined the passage and looked out at the crowded platform. For a time she watched the conductor, who seemed to be gazing anxiously toward the direction from which passengers arrived, as if looking for some one in particular. Presently a big man, a huge overcoat belted round him, with a stern bearded face looking, the girl thought, typically Russian, strode up to the conductor and spoke earnestly with him. Then the two turned to the steps of the car, and Jennie fled to her narrow little room, closing the door all but about an inch. An instant later the two men came in, speaking together in French. The larger had a gruff voice and spoke the language in a way that showed it was not native to him.

"When did you learn that he had changed his room?" asked the man with the gruff voice.

"Only this afternoon," replied the conductor.

"Did you tell him it is between that and [illegible]?"

"Yes, [illegible] but Azef did [illegible] the window you wanted the [illegible]."

"As for [illegible] of course," replied the [illegible]. "As for [illegible] might have [illegible] The room next [illegible] not fall [illegible] effect and [illegible] will be in a [illegible] put it in at the [illegible] could come into [illegible] his escape. You did [illegible] the hole over the top berth, I hope?"

"Yes, excellency, but I bored on at the [illegible]."

"Oh, very well! We can easily stop the one at the top. Have you fastened the window? It's the first thing these Englishmen [illegible] open a window."

"The window is securely fastened, your excellency, unless he breaks the glass."

"Oh, he will not think of doing that until it is too late. The English are a law abiding people. How many other passengers are there in the car?"

[illegible]

PLAN OF SLEEPING CAR.

Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	
Berths	Berths	Berths	Berths	
Passage				

"Oh, I forgot to tell you, excellency. Room B has been taken by an English lady who is there now."

"You incompetent devils!" cried the Russian in a hoarse whisper. "Why did you not see that before?"

The voices now fell to so low a murmur that Jennie could not distinguish the words. A moment later there was a rap at her door, and she had presence of mind enough to get in the farther corner and say in a sleepy voice:

"Come in."

The conductor opened the door.

"You're late, sir, I was paid, madame."

"Can't you speak English?" asked Jennie.

The conductor merely repeated his question, but as Jennie was shaking her head the big Russian looked over the conductor's shoulder and said in passable English:

"He is asking for your ticket, madame. Do you not speak French?"

Instead of answering the direct question Jennie fumbled in her purse for her ticket, and replied:

"I speak English, and I have already shown him my ticket."

She looked the broad shouldered sleeping car conductor, this Russian, who had pushed the conductor aside and now stood within the compartment.

"There has been a mistake," he said. "Room C is the one that has been reserved for you."

"I am sure there isn't any mistake," said Jennie. "I booked berths 5 and 6. See, there are the numbers," pointing to the metallic plate by the door, "and here are the same numbers on the ticket."

The Russian shook his head.

"The mistake has been made at the office of the sleeping car company. I am a director of the company."

"Oh, are you?" asked Jennie innocently. "Is room C as comfortable as this one?"

"It is a duplicate of this one, madam, and more comfortable because it is nearer the center of the car."

"Well, there is no mistake about my room: the two berths, is there?"

"[illegible]. There [illegible] is certainly at your disposal."

"Very well, then, in that case," said Jennie, "I have no objection to making the change."

[illegible] she knew that she would be compelled [illegible] no matter what her ticket [illegible] thought it best to play [illegible] at the train [illegible] the car in the [illegible] was room C, which [illegible] by the British [illegible] at the [illegible] had decided [illegible] not [illegible].

[illegible] and ultimate man who was messenger [illegible] of great importance, even [illegible] to the British embassy at St. Petersburg. The fact, to put it baldly, [illegible] had [illegible] to him [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] and now she resolved to make [illegible] until he came down the passage and [illegible] what she [illegible] when she entered the room. Now she put it on hurriedly, thrusting a long pin through it. As she stood up there was a bit of the train that caused her to sit down again somewhat hurriedly. Passing her window she saw the lights of the station. The train was in motion. "Thank heaven!" she cried fervently. "He is too late! Those plotting villains will have all their trouble for nothing."

She glanced upward toward the ceiling and noticed a hole about an inch in diameter bored on the thin wooden partition between her compartment and the next. Turning to the wall behind her, she saw that another hole had been bored in a similar position through to room B. The car had been pretty thoroughly prepared for the work in hand, and Jennie laughed softly to herself as she pictured the discomfiture of the conspirators. The train was now passing through the suburbs of St. Petersburg, and Jennie was startled by hearing another voice say in French:

"Conductor, I have room A. Which end of the car is that?"

"This way, excellency," said the conductor. Every one seemed to be "excellency" with him.

A moment later Jennie, who had again risen to her feet, horrified to know that after all the messenger had come, heard the door of his room click. She stood there for a few moments tense with excitement, then bethought herself of the hole between her present compartment and the one she had recently left. She sprang up on the seat and, placing her eye with some caution at the hole, peered through. First she thought the compartment was empty. Then she noticed there had been placed at the end by the window a huge cylinder that reached nearly to the ceiling of the room. The lamp above was burning brightly, and she could see every detail of the compartment except toward the floor. As she gazed a man's back slowly rose. He appeared to have been kneeling on the floor, and he held in his hand the loop of a rubber tube. Peering downward, she saw that it was connected with the cylinder and that it was undoubtedly pouring whatever gas the cylinder contained through the hole into room A. For a moment she had difficulty in repressing a shriek, but realizing how perfectly helpless she was, even if she gave the alarm, she repressed all exclamation. She saw that the man who was regulating the escape of gas was not the one who had spoken to the conductor. Then, fearing that he might turn his head and see her eye at the small aperture, she reached up and covered her lamp, leaving her own room in complete darkness. The double covering, which closed over the semiglobular lamp like an eyelid, kept every ray of light from penetrating into the compartment.

As Jennie turned to her espionage again she heard a blow given to the door in room A that made it clatter. Then there was a sound of a heavy fall on the floor. The door of room B was flung open, the head of the first Russian was thrust in, and he spoke in his own language a single gruff word. His accomplice turned the cock and shut off the gas from the cylinder. The door of room B was instantly shut again, and Jennie heard the rattle of the keys as room A was being unlocked.

Jennie jumped down from her perch, threw off her hat, and with as little noise as she could slid her door back an inch or two. The conductor had unlocked the door of room A, the tall Russian standing beside him saying in a whisper:

"Never mind the man! He'll come to the moment you open the door and window. Get the box! Hold your nose with your fingers and keep your mouth shut. There it is—that black box, in the corner."

The conductor made a dive into the room and came out with an ordinary black dispatch box. The policeman seemed well provided with the materials for his burglarious purpose. He selected a key from a jingling bunch, tried it, selected another, then a third, and the lid of the dispatch box was thrown back. He took out a letter so exactly the duplicate of the one Jennie had that she clutched her own document to see if it were in its place. The Russian put the envelope between his knees and proceeded to lock the box. His imagination had not gone to any such refinement as the placing of a dummy copy where the original had been. Quick as thought Jennie acted. She slipped the [illegible] and stepped out into the passage. So intent were the two men on their work that neither saw her. The [illegible] the [illegible] letter from [illegible] knees [illegible] a [illegible].

[illegible]

"Oh, pardon me!" cried Jennie. "I'm afraid a lurch of the car threw me against you."

The Russian, before answering, cast a look at the floor and saw the envelope lying there with its seal uppermost. He quietly placed his [illegible] effort at politeness.

"It is no matter, madame. I am afraid that I am [illegible] I have taken up most of the passage."

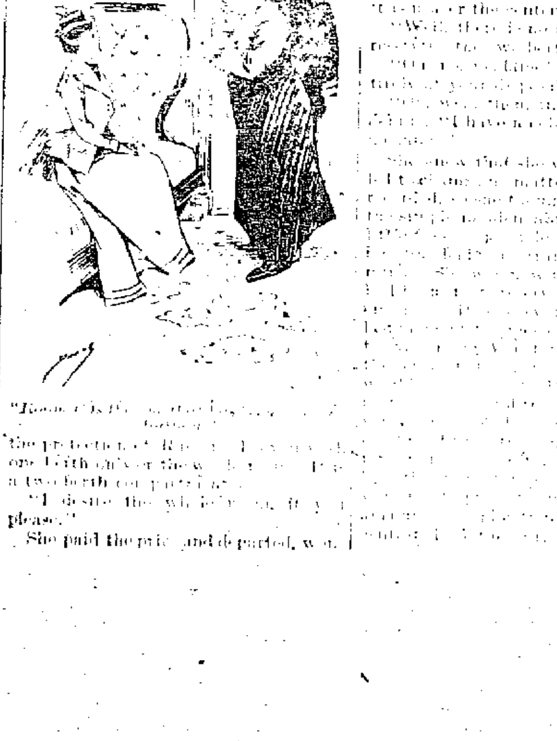
"It is very good of you to say so," said Jennie. "I merely came out to ask the conductor if he would make up my berth. Would you [illegible] to translate that to him?"

The Russian surlily told the conductor to attend to the wants of the lady. The conductor muttered a reply, and that reply the Russian translated.

"He will be at your service in a few moments, madame. He must first make up the berth of the gentleman in room A."

With that she retired again into her compartment, the real letter concealed in the folds of her dress, the bogus one on the floor under the Russian's foot. She closed the door tightly. Then, taking care that she was not observed through either of the holes the conductor had bored in the partition, she swiftly placed the important document in a deep inside pocket of her jacket. As a general rule, women have inside pockets in their capes and outside pockets in their jackets, but Jennie, dealing as she did with many documents in the course of her profession, had had this jacket especially made, with its deep and roomy inside pocket. She sat in a corner of her sofa wondering what was to be the fate of the unfortunate messenger, for in spite of the sudden shutting of the door by the Russian she caught a glimpse of the man lying face downward on the floor of his stifling room. She also had received a whiff of the sweet, heavy gas which had been used, that seemed now to be tincturing the whole atmosphere of the car, especially in the long, narrow passage. It is not likely they intended to kill the man, for his death would cause an awkward investigation, while his statement that he had been rendered insensible might easily be denied. As she sat there, the silence disturbed only by the low, soothing rumble of the train, she heard the ring of the metal box [illegible] against the woodwork of the partition [illegible]. The men were evidently removing their apparatus. A little later the train slowed, finally coming to a standstill, and, looking out of the window into the darkness, she found they were stopping at an ill lighted country station. Covering the light in the ceiling again, the better to see outside, herself unobserved, she noted the conductor and another man place the bulky cylinder on the platform without the slightest effort at concealment. The tall Russian stood by and gave curt orders. An instant later the train moved on again, and when well under way there was a rap at her door. When she opened it, the conductor said that he would make up her berth now, if it so pleased her. She stood out in the corridor while this was deftly and swiftly done. She could not restrain her curiosity regarding the mysterious occupant of room A, but to satisfy it she walked slowly up and down the corridor, her hands behind her, passing and repassing the [illegible] of her own room and noticing that room A was partly open, but the shaded lamp in the ceiling left the interior in darkness. There was now no trace of the intoxicating gas in the corridor, and as she passed room A she noticed that a fresh breeze was blowing through the half open doorway. Therefore the window must be open. [illegible] own door she saw the conductor engaged in a task which would keep him from looking into the corridor [illegible] minute [illegible] her [illegible] swiftly into room A [illegible] withdrawing [illegible] toward the wall [illegible]. The dispatch box rested [illegible] the sofa [illegible]. He was breathing heavily [illegible] a drunken sleep, but the [illegible] was sweet and fresh [illegible] doubtless [illegible] and down thinking [illegible] had happened. At first, when she had formed the [illegible] had no [illegible] the messenger [illegible] further pondering induced her to change her mind. The messenger had [illegible] Russians [illegible] exactly what had happened [illegible] letter would reach its destination as speedily as if he had [illegible] as if he had never been [illegible]. Knowing the purpose which Mr. Hardwick had in his mind, Jennie saw that the letter [illegible] to him that it would never [illegible] taken it from the [illegible] evident that the Russian [illegible] messenger [illegible] an attempt was [illegible] the document [illegible].

[illegible]



"Room C is the one that has been reserved for you."



She sprang up on the seat and, placing her eye at the hole, peered through.

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McKINLEY and Roosevelt.

THE grand jury has dismissed the charges of conspiracy against the New York ice trust.

HAVING had a walk-over in the nominating convention, the Honorable William McKinley will now proceed to show the world at large what he can do in the way of running over the candidate on the other side.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

IT is perfectly right that Governor Roosevelt shall not resign as Governor of New York. When Grover Cleveland ran for President in 1894, while he was Governor, he never thought of resigning and he would have been very foolish to have left his office. Governor Roosevelt will stay where he is until a grateful people summon him to Washington and higher honors. —Harrisburg Telegraph.

THE Prohibitionists offer to fuse with the Democrats on the national ticket for a cold water plank. Well that may be all right to a certain degree. With the Democrats in power the laboring class would not have money enough to buy intoxicating drinks or anything else to fill their stomachs. If we have Democratic times the laborer will be too full of woe for anything more sustaining.

THE Wilson (Kan) Echo publishes the following plank of the Missouri county Republican platform: "Resolved, That the transition from deficits in peace to surpluses in war; from hopeless to happy farmers; from men hunting jobs to jobs hunting men; from soup houses to banquet table; from poverty to prosperity, is not the result of accident or chance or of famines in India, but is the result of having a party in power that knows how to run the country and command its confidence."

"ANY pensioner, the victim of strong drink and dissipated habits, who makes a public nuisance of himself may be investigated by Uncle Sam, and if found guilty is likely to be dropped from the pension rolls." This is the latest ruling of the department sent out to pension agents.—Kane Leader. And yet the Leader accuses the administration of encouraging the use of strong drink among the soldiers in the same issue in which the above appears. Argument must be very weak against President McKinley and the Republican administration.

THE President has assigned General Adna R. Chaffee to the command of the military forces operating in China. The military career of General Chaffee covers a wide field. He was an active and prominent participant in the war of the Rebellion, the Spanish war and various important Indian campaigns. He has seen service in every grade of the army, having risen from the ranks to the grade of major general. He entered the regular army from Ohio as a private in July, 1861, and after many promotions was a major general of volunteers in the Spanish war. General Lawton highly eulogized him for his conduct at El Caney.

A NEW thing in connection with political conventions is the organization of a surgical staff for the Kansas City gathering. The appointment is announced of Dr. Senn, the distinguished Chicago surgeon, as the chief of this responsible body, which is to be recruited from every state. The inference is that the sergeant at-arms anticipates a hot time. In the good old days, a reasonable amount of shooting and cutting was always expected at a Democratic convention. The political history of Philadelphia is enriched by many thrilling incidents of this kind, and in the South and West a nomination effected without guns would be scarcely regular. It will be an indication of modern progress if Kansas City can systematize the preparation for these diversions, and by the application of antiseptic surgery enable the delegates to perform their patriotic duties with a minimum of unnecessary sacrifice. There was an emergency corps of doctors on hand at Philadelphia, but they did not have much to do. The Kansas City plan has a much wider scope. Dr. Senn is celebrated as a rapid operator, who can take a bullet out of a man's inside in a way to make it almost a pleasure to be shot. The Kansas City delegates may thus employ their guns with a freedom never enjoyed before and harmony is thus secured in advance.

Views of the Ticket.

It is interesting to know how the leading men on the Republican National committee look upon the ticket which was nominated in Philadelphia last week. Chairman Hanna says that "it is a splendid one and all we have to do is to make a campaign which will arouse the people and get out the full vote. We must meet Democratic energies with more than equal Republican energies. We can't lose."

Henry C. Payne of Wisconsin, one of the shrewdest politicians of any party in the west, says, "there isn't a single unfavorable aspect in the situation. No better nomination than that of Roosevelt could have been made for Vice President. He will add both the sentimental and the picturesque to the campaign. He is immensely popular in New York and just as much so throughout the entire West."

"Joe" Manley of Maine, one of the managers of Republican campaigns for many years, said to a Philadelphia Times reporter the day following the convention as follows. "Now after it is all over, let me say that while I would have been delighted to have celebrated the nomination of my friend, Secretary Long, there is no doubt that Roosevelt is the strongest nomination that could have been made. We could have won with McKinley and anybody, but the atmosphere that surrounds the remarkable personality of Teddy Roosevelt is strangely fascinating, and he will arouse the younger element and those who like strong, picturesque characters, as few other men could. Really there is not another in the country who embodies so many qualities which appeal to men who are not to be aroused by the hum-drum and commonplace.

"Besides," concluded Manley, "Ex-Senator Hill of New York will without question be nominated by the Democrats for Vice President, and Roosevelt will be a fine counter-irritant to go up against Hill in his own state. Roosevelt is of the bluest blood of Manhattan Island's four hundred, and yet no one is more democratic or a greater favorite of what is usually termed the common people. Roosevelt was born with a golden spoon in his mouth, but has come to the masses and is closer to their hearts than any other man I know of. McKinley was born with the masses and remains with them. What greater ticket could you imagine than that?"

Should Be Adopted.

Fair representation is what Senator Quay's proposition, which he submitted to the Republican National convention, would give to the entire country. He proposed to give four delegates at large in every National convention to each state and one delegate for each 10,000 votes cast for the Republican candidate for President at the preceding election. Why should that proposition raise such a howl of opposition from the southern states? They would get all they are entitled to when compared with the northern states. But they want the old plan continued, which is on the basis of Congressional representation, or to be more definite, of population. The trouble is that a large portion of their people, because they have a black skin, are disfranchised. They are not allowed to participate in elections and is it right that they should be represented in the deliberations of the party conventions?

In order to show up the fairness of Col. Quay's proposition it is only necessary to give what the representation of a few states would be under it. Alabama is entitled, under the present system, to 22 delegates, under the Quay proposition her delegation would be reduced to 9 members. California is now entitled to 18 delegates and she would have 19 under the suggested apportionment. Georgia has now 26 delegates and Iowa has 26. If the Quay apportionment was put into operation the former would be entitled to 10 and the latter to 33 delegates. South Carolina has now 19 delegates and her representation would be reduced to 5, while Minnesota has 18 and her representation would be increased to 33.

These comparisons are enough to show the need of a revision in the representation of the several states, not only in National conventions, but in Congress. It is absurd that one southerner should have the voting power of five northern men in our National House of Representatives. The Democratic party could never control that body again if it only had the representation that fairly belongs to it. This subject has been agitated for some years and the discussion will not cease until the great injustice to the northern states will come to an end.

"McKinley and Roosevelt."

Philadelphia Press.

Two stronger personalities have not in our day been placed on a ticket together. Each has his separate and independent place and power in the life of the land.

They are strong apart, each in his own way and on his own record. One has a life long and led in national service for nigh forty years, and the other a life short, individual and foremost in state affairs. Together as a ticket they will grow on the country, gathering increasing strength and show a firmer hold on the attention, allegiance and support of voters with every week of the coming campaign.

The ticket is one which the party as a whole would have named any time in the last six months as certainly as on Thursday. Each commands the situation. Each stands for the precise qualities a first and second place demands in a popular canvass. Together they supplemented each other. They place the Republican party before the country as honoring calm experience, deliberate action and long service, and the dash of youth, resistless energy and picturesque activity. They represent both phases of the events of the past four years—the calm statesmanship of the Cabinet and the hot valor of the field.

McKinley and Roosevelt is such a ticket for a campaign as not the plans of men and the manipulation of managers ever create, but one forged by events and demanded by millions of voters through their assembled delegates.

THIRTY-SEVEN people lost their lives in a railroad wreck on the Southern Railroad, near Atlanta, Ga., on Sunday last.

Subscribe for the MINER.

The Wail of a Sore-Head.

Hon. Lem. Taggart of Emporium, in an open letter to the Independent of that place last week, criticises an article which recently appeared in this paper in reference to the Congressional conference of fourteen years ago, when McKean and Cameron counties were connected with Potter, Tioga, Lycoming and Sullivan in a Congressional district. We took the position in the article referred to, that Mr. Emery, McKean county's candidate, insisted upon that nomination from the beginning of the conference to the end and objected to his conferees voting for any other candidate if there was the ghost of a chance for the nomination of that candidate. In response to that statement Mr. Taggart says: "The facts in the case are that Hon. L. Emery, Jr., offered to end the contest by nominating Joseph Cochran on the first ballot at the time the convention convened in Emporium, and this offer remained open to the Judge until the end of the convention."

Mr. Taggart adds to his signature the words, "conferee of above referred to convention." The editor of the MINER was not a conferee in that convention and he must depend largely upon those who were and the files of this paper, for data in reference to it. One fact has recently come to his knowledge and that is that Mr. Cochran's candidacy was in the interest of Hon. Clay McCormick, the Lycoming candidate, that Mr. Cochran had no more idea of representing this district in Congress than he had of representing this country at the Court of St. James. Mr. Emery knew perfectly well and so did his conferees, that the voting now and then for Cochran was altogether perfunctory and cut no figure in the nomination of a congressman.

Mr. Taggart is one of the few men, professing to be republicans, who met in Warren recently and nominated Mr. Emery for Congress. They represented no party and very few people. Their stock in trade is to overthrow the regular Republican organization of the 27th district. They will find when the votes are counted in November that there are less sore heads in the district than they counted on and that their efforts have proven an ignominious failure.

A Candidate for the Naval Academy.

Congressman Sibley has been requested by the Navy Department to name, in accordance with Act of Congress approved June 7th, 1900, a suitable person to fill the vacancy which now exists at the United States Naval Academy from this Congressional district. The law provides that this nomination will have to be made before March 4th next, and the candidate will enter the Academy during the year 1901. Mr. Sibley has also been asked to name an alternate, for examination in the event of the failure of the regular nominee at the entrance examination, but who will not have to present himself for examination until notified so to do by the superintendent of the Naval Academy. The candidate nominated for the position, as well as the alternate, will have to be an actual resident of the district, and the minimum age for admission to the Academy is fifteen years, while the maximum age is twenty.

As there have been many inquiries relative to this matter, Congressman Sibley has decided that sometime in September of the present year he will cause to be held at Warren, Pa., that being a central point, what shall be known as a preliminary examination, to be presided over by a board of competent instructors. Of those who shall take the examination Mr. Sibley will nominate for Annapolis the applicant standing the highest, and shall name as the alternate the one standing next highest.

Applicants should send in their names to Mr. Sibley at the earliest convenient date. Their names will be sent to the Board at the proper time and they will be notified of the date of the meeting by Mr. Sibley. This is an excellent opportunity for young men who are desirous of trying for this most desirable appointment. It should be borne in mind, however, that this examination is only for the purpose of determining who shall be appointed, and will have nothing to do with the entrance examination to the Academy, which will take place on May 15, 1901, or Sept. 1st, 1901.

Also, as one of the requisites for entrance to the Naval Academy is a good physical constitution, it is quite probable that arrangements will be made at the time of the district examination to provide a physical examination, so that whoever is selected for admission to the Academy may feel reasonably justified in passing the physical examination there as well.

Last fall I sprained my left hip while handling some heavy boxes. The doctor I called on said at first it was a slight strain and would soon be well, but it grew worse, and the doctor then said I had rheumatism. It continued to grow worse and I could hardly get around to work. I went to a drug store and the druggist recommended me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I tried it and one-half of a 50-cent bottle cured me entirely. I now recommend it to all my friends.—F. A. BABCOCK, Erie, Pa. It is for sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

$9.45 to Atlantic City, July 5th.

The W. N. Y. & P. Ry. will sell tickets to Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City or Sea Island City, July 5th, good for 15 days returning. A stopover of ten days will be allowed at Philadelphia on going trip if passengers deposit their tickets with the Ticket Agent at Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, immediately on arrival. Engage your sleeping car berths in advance to secure space.

If troubled with rheumatism give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frostbites, quinsy, pains in the side and chest, glandular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it. Every bottle warranted. Price 25 and 50 cts. L. K. Hogarth & Co., druggists.

For Sale.

I offer for sale my store and stock of general merchandise, at Clermont, Pa., cheap for cash. This is an opportunity for the right person. Reason for sell is ill health. LAWRENCE BAYER,
5-tf Clermont, Pa

Cheap Insurance.

Many a man has been insured against Bright's disease, diabetes or other dangerous ailment by a fifty cent bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. Take no other. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

My new line of trunks and traveling bags excel anything ever brought to Smethport. Call and see them.
CHARLES LEMMLER.

For Sale.

A house and lot in desirable location. Inquire of T. F. Richmond.

Call and see the New York Champion rakes at Mason's.

Aguinaldo a Dead Issue.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Gen. Otis is undoubtedly correct in saying, as he does, that Aguinaldo "is a discredited and 'dead' issue." Whether he is physically dead or not is a point which has not been determined. The General himself says Aguinaldo "is probably hiding somewhere in the mountains of Northern Luzon, but he carries little more influence than any other individual running at large." He intimates that the conspirator's death or existence is of no consequence whatever, and is not bothering the American authorities in Luzon or in the United States.

This seems to be the common sense view. Aguinaldo has been so long in the shadow that his influence has gone. It is now about half a year since any reliable tidings of the rebel chief has been had. A little fighting has been done by rebels since then. Many rebels have been captured, and some others have surrendered voluntarily. None of them, however, appear to have known Aguinaldo's whereabouts at the time they were brought into the American lines. So far as can be ascertained, the American soldiers themselves have been no more in the dark regarding Aguinaldo's place of abode, since the beginning of 1900 than his late associates have been.

Of course, this means that whatever sway Aguinaldo ever had in the Philippines has been dissipated in the past by the hard knocks which he received soon after the campaigning season last November opened. Aguinaldo was chased so continually after the campaign began, and his forces were dispersed so effectually that he was soon put out of the fight. It seemed to be impossible for him to get away as quickly as some of his men, and therefore, he put himself so far out of reach of the Americans that he lost his hold on his followers and dropped out of their calculations. Nobody in Luzon who is connected with the American forces know where Aguinaldo is or cares. He is out of the fighting, even if there should be any more fighting. He has ceased to be an issue either in Luzon or the United States. Bryan's quondam partner is as dead as Bryan himself will be a day after the election next November.

Would Not Suffer So Again for Fifty Times Its Price.

I awoke last night with severe pains in my stomach. I never felt so badly in all my life. When I came down to work in the morning I felt so weak I could hardly work. I went to Miller & McCurdy's drug store and they recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It worked like magic and one dose fixed me all right. It certainly is the finest thing I ever used for stomach trouble. I shall not be without it in my home hereafter, for I should not care to endure the sufferings of last night again for fifty times its price.—G. H. WILSON, Liveryman, Burgettstown, Washington Co., Pa. This remedy is for sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Daly & Lilgendahl have opened a carriage store on Mechanic street. If you contemplate purchasing a vehicle of any kind see their stock and get prices before purchasing elsewhere. 5-11

Assignee's Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT [illegible] T. Seger and A. D. Doyle, [illegible] doing business as Seger & Doyle, and W. T. Seger of the borough of Smethport, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, by deed of voluntary assignment [illegible] have assigned to [illegible] borough of Smethport, in trust for the benefit of the creditors of the said [illegible] Seger & Doyle, and of the said W. T. Seger, all the real and personal estate of the said firm of Seger & Doyle and the said W. T. Seger, except such property [illegible] W. T. Seger in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Assembly of April [illegible] and its supplements.

All persons indebted to the said firm of Seger & Doyle and the said W. T. Seger will make immediate payment to the said assignee, and those having claims [illegible] will present the same.

[illegible]

Assignee of Seger & Doyle and W. T. Seger. Smethport, Pa., May [illegible]

THE SUMMER SESSION

—OF—

The Edinboro State Normal School

Begins Tuesday, July 3.

A school for the busy teacher and the ambitious student. The following courses of study will be pursued: Psychology, Pedagogy, Science, Mathematics, Language, Literature, Ethics, Civics and other branches. You cannot [illegible] this opportunity.

For circulars and information address

John F. Bigler, Principal.
Edinboro, Pa.

Sinabaugh Hears from Harrington.

[illegible] Aguilar, Province of Pangasinan, Luzon, 125 Miles Northwest of Manila, P. I., May [illegible], 1900.
Tom, Old Comrade:

I have just read in the Enterprise of your renomination. Let me congratulate you, and wish you many years of life to fill higher offices, of which your friends feel that you are well worthy.

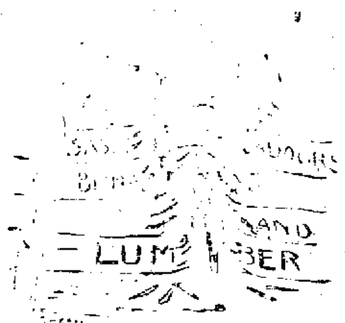
Chasing scattering bands of insurrectos and ladrones into and through the Zambales Mountains for some months past, I have had no time and little chance to write personal or newspaper letters. Now my regiment has been assigned to [illegible] and patrol duties. [illegible] companies garrison eleven large towns, and patrol all the roads to the intermediate barrios (hamlets). Aguinaldo's army as you people at home know, of course, is busted, as well as [illegible].

"Aggie" [illegible] to find, but as we do not need him, we feel that hunting for him, now, is time [illegible] wasted. From now on the army's work will be to keep the bad natives from murdering the good natives.

The Philippines are, of course, I think, the richest possessions owned by Uncle Sam at present. Why, say, Tom, not fifteen miles from where I write this there are whole hills of copper, iron, lead and gold and silver in what may turn out to be bonanzas. There is no question, whatever, regarding the immense deposits of copper and iron. I have seen them. I hadn't time to do very much gold prospecting, but "colors" may be "panned" out on every stream of the Zambales mountains. And timber! I have seen mahogany rosewood [illegible] in thousands upon thousands of acres, where ships may sail within a few miles of it. We have plenty of work here and will have for years. The soldiers are mostly teachers now. We are endeavoring to show the men that wearing their shirts outside their trousers is not American. And we hope soon to see the girls add a little extra cloth to their half a yard dress patterns. With best regards to the old boys, I am

Sincerely,
THOMAS HARRINGTON,
Co. B, 36th Infantry, U. S. V.

[illegible] Foley's Kidney [illegible] L. K. Hogarth & Co.



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in calling your attention to our fine line of

Lumber and Shingles,
Sash, Doors and Glass.

We also make a specialty of turned porch material, inside stairs, etc. In fact any thing you may need in the building line you will find us headquarters for the same, and we promise to save you some good money.

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36 KENNEDY STREET, BRADFORD, PA.

IF YOU WANT
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CALL ON
Shillenn & Torrence.
The Leading Tailors,
Chadwick Block. Smethport.

New Millinery Store.

MRS. A. E. HINMAN

Has just opened a millinery store in the front of the store recently occupied by H. W. Rubin & Co.

You are invited to call and see our assortment.

Mrs. A. E. Hinman.

Opp. Grand Central Hotel. Smethport, Pa

FOURTH OF JULY



CELEBRATION!
AT
SMETHPORT.

Come to Progressive SMETHPORT and Celebrate the last Fourth of the 19th Century in an up-to-date manner.

LIST OF EVENTS,
which will positively occur.

SUNRISE SALUTE,
124 GUNS.

BICYCLE RACES
AT 10 A. M., ROAD RACE FOR $25 PURSE.

Industrial Parade

At 10:45 a. m. Exhibits by our business men and industries, headed by Marshal of Day with aids, mounted, the Coudersport Band, the President of the Day and Board of Trade in automobiles.

11:45 a. m. Automobile Race.
Most novel race ever held in this section.

PATRIOTIC EXERCISES
Including reading of Declaration of Independence by G. B. Mayo.

RACES and CONTESTS.
Purses $25. 100-yard dash, potato, egg, duck, cartridge, shoe and stocking races, greased pig, etc.

BASE BALL 3 p. m.
COUDERSPORT vs. SMETHPORT
For Championship of McKean and Potter.
PURSE $150.00

Fantastic Parade,
forty fun furnishing fantasies,
Travesties on public events, local and national, culminating in the doings of the Darktown Fire Brigade.

ILLUMINATED Bicycle Parade,
at 8:00 p. m.

Grand Display of
FIREWORKS
at 9:00 p. m.

BIG PUBLIC DANCE
Afternoon and evening. First class music.

COUDERSPORT BAND.
THE FINEST BAND IN NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HAS BEEN ENGAGED AT GREAT EXPENSE FOR THIS OCCASION.

A barrel of flour given to the person bringing in the largest number of people at one load.

Excursion Rates on all railroads.

President of the Day, - F. W. BROWNELL.
Marshal, - - G. W. MITCHELL.



BLIND.

What a horrible sensation you experienced when you looked upon that unfortunate man and realized his deplorable condition. Ever thought of yourself—thought that by your persistent carelessness you might some day have the same affliction? Unless by accident, blindness always comes one way by NEGLECT. Eyes become weak you strain them. They become weaker; you continue your carelessness, at last it is too late, your case is hopeless—no help—no cure. Come in today. We'll examine your eyes and tell you just what is needed FREE of charge. Then if you like will supply you.

Chas. H. Robie,
Leading Optician and Jeweler,
143 N. Union St. - Olean, N. Y.

Following is a partial list of goods carried by

L. K. HOGARTH & CO.
Opposite Court House.

Cut Glass Ware	Fishing Tackle	Patent Medicines
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Plated Ware	Blank Books	Chemicals
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Wave Crest Ware	Letter Files	Hair Brushes
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Antiseptic Dressings	Grecian Ware	Chamois

The Union telephone office is located in our store.

Store Open Night and Day.

COME TO BRADFORD.

You will find all the variety here that anyone can wish for. You buy at prices which no store can undersell, yet get lines that are tested that are selected to sustain our reputation. You get all the possible benefits of the greatest stores.

HAMMOCKS.

All the styles made by three great makers—bought in enormous quantities—sold on very small margins.

The 1900 hammocks are unique. No styles ever shown like them. Prices 75 cents up. For $2 a very good one. The best in the store for $4.50—worth $6.

LAWN MOWERS.

We sell good lawn mowers for less than any other store around here. And we alone sell the Pennsylvanias — the best ever made.

Lawn mower sharpeners $1.00.

BABY CABS.

We show fifty styles of baby cabs with many new features. Not a price has advanced over last season, though cost has advanced enormously.

Prices run from $6.50 up.

Go carts made in all styles in accordance with our own specifications. They will please you.

RUBBER PAINT.

Our paint stock includes the best of everything. But the most economical paint that we have is Rubber Paint. We have tested it for 17 years and have found it durable. It outlasts common paint two and three times over. Sold ready mixed in 20 colors—$1.50 per gal.

REFRIGERATORS.

We sell Vogt's—for 35 years the standard for honesty. They are so economical of ice that they pay for themselves over and over. Modern in every way save the filling. Such honest filling isn't common now.

Prices $8 up.

Ice-chests $5.50.

RUBBER HOSE.

The warranted kinds, from 8 to 11 cents per foot. You cannot get the poor kinds for less.

ICE CREAM FREEZERS.

The Peerless—so convenient that a child can operate. Quick—freezes in 3 minutes. Two-quart size for $1.75.

DINNER SETS - $4.95.

We have some dinner sets of 100 pieces that we sell at less than half value because of slight imperfections. They are the best bargains ever offered in this department.

HARNESS.

No store in this section can compete with us on harness. The owners of this store are horsemen. We know what is good and how to buy it. An $11 harness for $8. Harness for every purpose, and everything else for a horse.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,
Emery & Weaver. BRADFORD, PA.

New Line Shirt Waists

Just received at store of D. C. Young; also stock collars and pulley belts. Call and examine same.
Do not forget to ask for hosiery and underwear.
Women's gauze underwear at 5c per garment and upward.
Men's, Women's and Children's hose, from 5c a pair up to 50c.
Grocery stock complete—New line of Heinz celebrated pickles, olives, &c. Canned corn 5c to 15c a can. All other goods in proportion.
Everything bought and sold for cash.
No one allowed to undersell us, who expects to continue in business.

D. C. YOUNG.
SMETHPORT, PA.

June 12, 1900.

NEW STORE

NEW CLOTHING.

NEW PIECE GOODS.

NEW EVERYTHING.

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Dry Goods, Carpets, Shoes.

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New Attractions for Men.
Fancy Negligee Shirts
Fashionable Belts
Up-to-date Oxfords
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Hot Weather Specialties for Ladies.
Stylish Skirts
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Fourth of July Display
Flags
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We give careful attention to mail orders.

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Picture Mouldings
A new stock
Reasonable cost

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The best—All sizes
Enquire about Price

"IKE" GLEASON. The Photographer, Smethport, Pa.

IT IS
a well known fact houses doing a large business with ample capital can afford to handle better assortments and sell closer than smaller concerns. We are doing the business, have the capital and are selling close. If we should not have what you want we will get it at once.

The Big Store,
Hamlin & Redfield.
HARDWARE, IMPLEMENTS, TOOLS, COOKING UTENSILS, PAINTS, CHINA, GLASSWARE, ETC.
Opposite Postoffice.

McKean County Miner
Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1900.

Smethport, Pa.

Smethport, McKean county, Penn'a, is located in one of the richest agricultural districts in northwestern Pennsylvania, only 97 miles from Buffalo, N. Y., and 120 miles—air line—from Pittsburg, Pa.

Smethport has four lines of railroad leading direct to all the principal distributing centres, both east and west, and the great lakes.

Cheap fuel of all kinds in abundance.

In the centre of the largest and best natural gas belt in the State.

Cheap fuel oil in vast quantities.

Within six miles of large bituminous coal beds, and, on a direct line of railroad, within 30 miles of the famous Shawmut bituminous coal mines in Elk county.

Endless quantities of the best glass sandstone in the world.

Mountains of shale rock suitable for brick making.

Building stone and flagging in abundance, which can be secured cheaply.

Endless quantities of hardwood lumber, such as beech, maple, birch, elm, ash, etc.

Smethport is the county seat of McKean county, one of the richest counties in the Keystone State, contains a population at the present time of about 3,600, and is growing rapidly, has elegant public buildings; a first-class graded school, city water, natural gas for fuel and lights, four first-class hotels, and the principal industries at the present time are lumbering, two large window glass manufacturing plants, hemlock bark extract works, Backus Safety Check Hook Manufacturing Co.'s plant, with a number of other industries.

Smethport has always been considered one of the healthiest towns in the State. Contagious diseases are strangers to the town. Being located 1400 feet above the sea level the town is singularly exempted from all diseases of a contagious nature. Prospect Hill, one of the most sightly spots in the State, and probably the highest elevated land in Pennsylvania, is only three miles from the business part of the town, which affords a grand view of the finest mountain scenery to be found anywhere in America.

The borough of Smethport is located at the junction of Nunundah and Marvin creek valleys. These streams furnishing an abundance of water for all purposes.

Smethport contains many admirable sites for manufacturing plants of all descriptions.

For further particulars call on or address Smethport Board of Trade, Smethport, Pa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Spend July 4th at Smethport.

—Go with the big crowd to Smethport, July 4th.

—See change of P., S. & N. time table on last page.

—See the automobile race at Smethport July 4th.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs Jas. Blaine on Monday, a son.

—A post of Spanish war veterans has been organized in Kane.

—Hon. T. A. Morrison has recently purchased a new road wagon.

—Read the bold announcement in Holmes & Gilfillan's ad this week.

—The Ladies' Home Journal for June is an exceedingly interesting number.

—George Backett has a new house well under course of erection on East street.

—A new sidewalk has been placed in front of the McCoy property on East Main street.

—Read the change of ad in this issue of F. G. Lindholm & Co. They are offering some bargains.

—The Bon Air Hotel, Rock City, is now open to the public. Henry S. Sartwell is the proprietor.

—A number of our residents are mowing the grass along the sidewalks. Let others follow the example.

—A heavy rain and hail storm in and around Bradford did considerable damage on Tuesday afternoon.

—Myrtle D. Stull of Farmers Valley was one of the graduates of 1500 from the Mansfield State Normal school.

—H. C. Wells has a new ad. on the first page this week. His supply of seasonable goods is unexcelled.

—The extension of West Main street through Elisha K. Kane's property is a vast improvement to the street.

—The road race July 4th will be open to all and the cash purse is $25. Some good talent is expected to enter.

—The Baptist church extended a vote of thanks to the Water Co. for their kind donation of the free use of water.

—The Hazelhurst ball team was defeated by the Clermont team at the latter place the first of the week by a score of 28 to 4.

—The automobiles for the race July 4th have been secured and the automobile race will come off as scheduled, claims to the contrary notwithstanding.

—See the flag. It is in Fry & Herzog's ad this week and it might be well to read the ad while your eye is cast in that direction.

—We have just put in new steps at the entrance to this office, and now it will be perfectly safe to call and pay your subscription.

—Bucknell University on Thursday of last week conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on Congressman Joseph C. Sibley.

—The ball game, Coudersport vs. Smethport, on July 4th, promises to be very exciting. Come to Smethport to the big celebration.

—Tom Sharkey, the sailor pugilist, was knocked out by Gus Ruhlin in 15 rounds before the Seaside Athletic Club in New York Tuesday night.

—The W. N. Y. & P. Ry. will sell tickets between all stations July 3rd and 4th at half fare, good for return passage on or before July 5th.

—On the athletic club's bowling alleys Monday night Frank Purtle accumulated in one game a total of 212 pins. A good score for a 15-year-old boy.

—The Bradford races so far have been very successful. Large crowds have been in attendance and the races have been very fast and full of interest.

—The Palace Pharmacy has a new ad. this week. Fireworks is the topic and this store is well supplied with them. Go there for your fireworks for the boys.

—Reports come from New York state that farmers are plowing their meadows and planting them to corn on account of the scarcity of hay caused by the dry weather.

—The work of raising the Chautauqua house has been commenced. The "jacks" are being placed under the building and the work will commence in earnest after July 4th.

—Howard C. Benham, who has been on trial for the second time for the murder of his wife, was acquitted by the jury on Thursday of last week and is now a free man.

—This is Commencement week at Clarion State Normal School. The exercises are more than usually interesting. Many students will remain during the summer months.

—St. Luke's church is being repainted and redecorated inside by Sasse & Co. New Welsbach lights have taken the place of the old ones and the interior is being generally improved.

—On Monday Charles McCoy, Lawrence Morrison, Geoffrey Mayo and Clarence Choate left for Straight Creek for a week of camping and fishing. Will H. Gallup of Straight is acting as guide.

—Station Agent W. P. Mulhern informed the writer that 29 tickets were sold at the Smethport office for the excursion Sunday over the P., S. & N., to take the B., R. & P. excursion to Niagara Falls.

—All wheelmen will please attend meeting at hose house Monday, July 2d, at 7:30 p. m., to arrange for a grand illuminated parade to be displayed on evening of the fourth. By request of committee.

—The county commissioners have purchased an Elliot & Hatch book typewriter for the recorder's office for the recording of deeds, mortgages, etc. It is claimed that one man can do the work of three with the machine.

—Rev. T. D. Ware leaves next Monday for a few weeks' vacation at his home in Newport, Ky. Preaching as usual next Sunday at the Baptist church and the ordinance of baptism will be administered at the evening service.

—The engagement of Miss Evelyn Blanche Williams of this city, to Mr Eric Brausewetter of Vienna, Austria, is announced. Mr. Brausewetter expects to spend the summer months in Kane, Pa., U. S. A.—Ridgway Advocate.

—The female tramp is becoming quite common these days. This is another field which the "new woman" has opened for her sex. They all prefer the open country to being confined to houses and the hum-drum life in towns and cities.

—Sheriff Clarke is becoming an expert as a sketch artist. On Saturday the writer was shown a very life-like picture of Deputy Sheriff Davis "at home," drawn by Mr. Clarke. He takes just pride in his work and is pleased to show it to his friends.

—The contract for building the new school house was awarded to A. B. Curman of Binghamton, N. Y., on Tuesday evening. The school house will not be entirely finished inside this year, but will be put in comfortable shape for holding school this fall.

—On and after July 2nd the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry. will have fine new Pullman sleeping cars on its night trains to and from Rochester. The cars will be fresh from the shops and will be the finest that the Pullmans can produce. —Braford Era.

—Mrs. Grace E. Ramsey of Williamsport, who killed her husband June 23rd last year "to see the color of his blood" and who spent some months in an asylum for the insane, was released Friday. She returned to Williamsport.—Mansfield Republican Advocate.

—The new residence which R. K. Godding is erecting on Tionesta Ave., will be ready for occupancy about July 15. There is quite a building boom in this section of the city. D. W. Drake has his handsome residence on Park Ave., up and enclosed.—Kane Republican.

—Miss Kate M. Ryan has been elected superintendent and principal of the training school for nurses of the Bradford hospital. Miss Ryan is a daughter of Supt. T. H. Ryan and is considered one of the best nurses in this section. She has been matron of the hospital for the past year.

—Postmaster General Smith, says an exchange, has amended the postal regulations so as to permit the sender of a registered letter to recall it after it has been despatched. Heretofore the rule has been such that a letter could not be recalled without the consent of the person addressed.

—A. T. Palmer has sold a half interest in his livery business to John Dodge of Keating township and hereafter business will be done under the firm name of Palmer & Dodge. Mr. Dodge is a first-class business man and it is expected this popular livery will prove more of a favorite with the public than ever.

—We do not consider it an exaggeration in the least when we say that Smethport will have the largest and most entertaining fourth of July celebration of any place in this section. The program is novel and well arranged and if weather permits will be carried out to the letter. The committee in charge deserve much credit for their untiring efforts.

—Smethport is preparing for a grand Fourth of July celebration, and to aid in giving the people their money's worth, arrangements have been made by which the Coudersport band and ball club will be in attendance. The promoters are negotiating with the orchestra, and undoubtedly that organization will furnish the dance music. The people of Coudersport who are admirers of these popular organizations will follow them to McKean county's hub.—Coudersport Enterprise.

—Last evening Donald, the six-year-old son of John Hungerford, was bitten in the face by a big black dog belonging to W. H. Hungerford. The dog did not get a firm hold of the boy and the skin was only broken in one place. It is reported that the dog was killed this morning. All dogs should be muzzled at this time of year.

—List of letters remaining in the post-office at Smethport for the week ending June 23, 1900: Wilber Ayers, Wm Barrickle, Andrew Beckstrom, F. W. Cline, Mrs. Margaret Jaquette, A. J. Cruse, Mr. Chas. Miller, Thos. McKenney, B. J. Mays, Miss Alla Melrose, O. News, Wm. Nieman, Selang the tailor, Mrs. I. V. Strebig, E. D. Wimans, Miss Pearl Zerby.

—A 10-year-old lad, who told the police that he had lived with an uncle in Smethport, McKean county, was picked up near the depot Friday night. He told a remarkable story of how, after having been accused of setting fire to some fences, the uncle put him aboard a train for Erie, where he was to go to the orphan asylum. He will be held pending an investigation of the case.—Erie Herald.

—At a meeting of the school directors of this borough the following teachers were elected for the ensuing year: Herbert H. Foster, Canandaigua, principal; Miss Alice J. Bickers, Smethport, asst. principal; Miss Miller, Turtle Creek, 7th and 8th grades; Miss Carrie A. Day, Bradford, 5th and 6th grades; Miss Emma Fretton, Smethport, 3rd and 4th; Miss Rose Allen, Smethport, 1st and 2nd; Miss Mary L. Dibble, Smethport, primary.

—A Knoxville lad who rang the bell to announce service in the Presbyterian church at that place Monday evening put so much enthusiasm in his work that the cry of fire was taken up. The hose company nobly responded and, their excited imagination seeing in the brilliantly lighted edifice a fierce interior conflagration, promptly turned the hose on the congregation. Their mistake was discovered, however, before anyone was drowned.

—There was a 350 pound bear killed on E. N. Hallock's farm, near Watsonville Saturday. One of Mr. Hallock's neighbors was out walking in the woods and had his rifle with him. He saw bruin calmly walking down an old unused road towards him. Three bullets were put into the bear's carcass, and he toppled over without a quiver. Mr. Hallock has one of the bear's teeth as a souvenir. He also indulged in bear meat for a Sunday dinner.—Bradford Era.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday the services will be Morning Prayer at 9:30; Holy Communion at 10:30 and Evening Prayer at 8 o'clock. Adlam's service and Gounod's "Benedictus" will be sung at 10:30 a. m. The monthly choir festival will be observed at the evening service by a selection of anthems including the chorus "The Heavens are Telling," from Haydn's "Creation." Service and Sunday school at All Saints', East Smethport, at 2:30 p. m.

—What might have been a terrible disaster was averted last Saturday night by the vigilance of Officer Brook. He was passing the Odd Fellows block when he heard escaping gas and went into the building and to one of the offices gas was issuing from an unlighted jet at full pressure. He could not get to turn it off, so closed the door, turned out the lights in the hallway and called Dr. McCoy up, who turned the gas off the whole building. Had it not been discovered an explosion would have occurred and probably the whole block wrecked.

—Coal mining is a great industry in Pennsylvania. Statistics just issued for the year 1899 shows that there was produced during last year 54,034,224 tons of anthracite and 73,060,043 tons of bituminous coal in the state. The number of persons employed in the anthracite region was 140,583; in the bituminous district 91,412. With the enormous profits now made in coal it is a great wonder that capitalists do not come into Clinton and mine coal on a greater scale. There are several thousands of acres of excellent coal lands which remain untouched. What a fortune is in store for someone in the future.—Renovo Record.

—An accident occurred at Clermont on Tuesday in which J. A. Day, a W. N. Y. & P. trainman, was seriously if not fatally injured. In some way he was caught between two cars and his body severely squeezed and it is thought he was injured internally. The unfortunate was brought to Smethport and treated by Dr. Chadwick and then was sent to the depot to take the train to his home in Buffalo. While at the depot he became temporarily insane and Dr. Chadwick was again summoned, who administered relief and accompanied Mr. Day to Buffalo. We have been unable to learn anything of his condition since leaving here Tuesday afternoon.

—The Holly Motor Co. of this city has contracted with the Close Cycle Co. of Olean, for the building of 10 special wheels which are to be equipped with the Holly one-horse power gasoline motor. The new motor cycle is to weigh 500 pounds when completed, and can be run at any rate of speed up to possibly 40 miles an hour. The motor is connected with a 40-tooth sprocket, giving the motor a high speed which in turn gives the cycle a smooth motion. It is understood that a number of orders have already been placed with the company for the wheels, providing they are a success. The sale price is to be placed at $125. The motor is the invention of George Holly of this city.—Bradford Era.

—The members of Normandy C. L. S. C. entertained their friends last Monday evening at Epworth chapel, the occasion being the final meeting of the year. The chapel was beautifully decorated with the colors of the Circle, red and white, and the room was bright with fragrant flowers. The program provided was an original one, one five minute story by each member of the Circle. In consequence there were stories that were funny and stories that were sad; stories in prose and stories in rhyme; stories that were sensible and stories that were nonsensical. When the feast of reason was over the guests and members were served with ice cream and cake and adjournment followed. Thus ended the pleasant year of study, of improvement and congenial companionship of Normandy Circle.

—Yesterday afternoon as the crowds were leaving the race track a young man, a stranger in the city, was climbing on board a car he felt a hand in his trousers pocket. He was holding on to his watch with one hand and grasping the rail of the car with the other, but releasing the rail he grabbed for the pickpocket's arm. He was too late to secure it, however, and the hand was withdrawn, the owner of it diving back into the crowd. The young man felt for his roll of money, which contained $59. It was gone. He had kept his hand on the pickpocket and he instantly gave the alarm. The pickpocket fled, first dropping the money on the ground. The young man secured his roll and gave chase, the pickpocket escaping into the crowd. The incident was witnessed by several people.—To-day's Bradford Era.

—Foley Bros., proprietors of the Olean Monumental works, have recently placed a number of handsome monuments in Oak Hill and St Bernard cemeteries of the latest patterns and designs. Mr James Devlin, Mrs. J. A. Marsh, Mr. E. Beigel, Mr. Allen Cochran, Miss O'Donnell and Mr. Thomas S. Quinn have placed monuments in their burial lots in the cemeteries above quoted. They are of beautiful stone and superior workmanship.—Bradford Herald.

—Buffalo Bill's Wild West show will be in Bradford on Monday, July 9. Buffalo Bill has a reputation all over the world for giving the most wonderful show of its kind. This year the one great feature will be the reproduction, on as elaborate a scale as the time and area will allow, of the famous charge up San Juan Hill. In this scene, five hundred men will be used, and among them will be actual participants in the real charge. A number of Roosevelt's Rough Riders, Regular United States cavalrymen, Volunteers and Cuban Insurgents will be prominent in this minute representation of the charge that added another brilliant page to American history.

—The return of Jas. A. McKean of Smethport from Philadelphia this morning, where he represented this district in the Republican National convention, reminds us of the fact that six of McKean county's citizens have been honored as delegates in National conventions of the Republican party within the past quarter of a century. Maj. A. C. Hawkins of Bradford represented this district at St. Louis four years ago; Hon. W. W. Brown of Bradford at Minneapolis eight years ago; Hon. Lewis Emery, Jr., at Chicago, as delegate-at-large 12 years ago; Gen. Thos. L. Kane, of Kane, one of the 300 of that historical phalanx who stood by Gen. Grant to the end, at Chicago twenty years ago and Hon. L. Rogers of this place, then of Smethport, at Cincinnati twenty-four years ago.—Kane Republican.

—At a fire in Bradford last evening Mrs. J. J. Coffee nearly lost her life. The fire was in the old DuBois building which was occupied by Mrs. Coffee as a furniture store on the first floor and the upper rooms were used by herself and others for living rooms. Of her escape the Era this morning says: When Mrs. Coffee got down on the street she remembered her valuables and despite warnings to the contrary, ran back after them. She was gone a long time and as the fire was burning fiercely down stairs it was feared the woman would perish. George Powell, a member of the Era Hose and Ladder company went up stairs after her and found her unconscious from smoke. He picked her up and carried her down stairs and into the fresh air, where she soon revived. Powell has only one leg, the other being an artificial one, and those who saw the brave act are lauding him to the skies. It was indeed an heroic deed and more especially so in consideration of his affliction.

Hafner-Spanogle Nuptials.

Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hafner, corner of Mechanic and Mill streets occurred a very pretty home wedding when their eldest daughter, Margaret Idella Hafner, was united in marriage to Mr. Frank McCoy Spanogle of Brockwayville.

The pleasant parlors were tastily decorated with roses, palms and greenery and was exceedingly pretty.

At the appointed hour, 2 o'clock, the bridal party entered the parlors to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, rendered by Miss Mary Spanogle, a sister of the groom. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Verna Hafner, as bridesmaid, and Mr. Charles C. Spanogle, a brother of the groom, acted as best man. The party was met by Rev. T. D. Ware of the Baptist church, who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner.

After the ceremony had been performed and congratulations extended a wedding dinner was served and a little later amid a shower of rice Mr. and Mrs. Spanogle departed on a wedding trip to the east, after which they will go to Brockwayville, Pa., where they will make their future home.

The presents to the bride were very numerous and in great variety.

Both the bride and groom are well and favorably known by a large circle of friends. The bride is a general favorite in the circle in which she moved and for the past two years has been a successful teacher in the Smethport schools.

The MINER joins with the hosts of friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Spanogle a long and happy wedded life.

The guests from out of town were: Miss Harriet B. Potter, New York City; Charles C. Spanogle, Miss Mary Spanogle, Huntingdon, Pa.; Miss Estella Martin, Miss S. Lois Hafner, Mrs. F. H. Reed, Mrs. John J. Hafner, Ed Martin, Clermont; Miss Lydia Burlingame, Kasson.

Sunday Morning Fire.

At about 4:30 Sunday morning John Reilly was awakened by several small explosions and upon going to the window discovered flames issuing from the basement of the Reilly block across the street from where he resides. He hurriedly donned some clothing and sounded the alarm. Officer Brook arrived at the hose house within a minute and they hurried the cart to the scene and two streams were playing on the flames in less than five minutes from the time the fire was discovered.

The fire was extinguished before it got much headway and lucky it was for both owners nearby and the firemen for in the building within a few feet of the fire stood a barrel of benzine. Had the flames reached the benzine there is no telling what the result might have been. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Palmer & Strong, who occupied the basement for a plumbing shop, are the heaviest losers which amounts to about $400. The damage to the building is estimated at $150. Both carried insurance enough to cover losses.

Voice Culture.

Miss Agnes McCoy having received her diploma in voice culture from Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, is desirous to take a few pupils for the summer. She has a thorough knowledge of the subject, having had training under some of the best voice builders and teachers. We can seldom secure the services of a good vocal teacher in our town and this is a fine opportunity for our young singers to perfect themselves in the art of singing. Miss McCoy will be pleased to see all who are interested any afternoon at her father's home.

Don't finish your parlor, dining room or library without seeing Hamlin & Redfield's grates and fenders. They have the finest line ever seen in this part of the country.

The New York Champion rake is the best in the market. All farmers know this fact. They are sold at Mason's Hardware.

One and one-half fare between Smethport and Bradford via Kushequa Route.

Lawn mowers, grass catchers, lawn rakes at HOLMES & GILFILLAN'S.

Prescriptions at Broch Pl. Pharmacy filled promptly.

Half fare to all points on Kushequa Route July 4th.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Bill Upper took in the races at Bradford Wednesday.

Deputy Sheriff [illegible] Davis visited Bradford Monday.

George Fennerty visited the races at Bradford yesterday.

[illegible] A. Hardick was among the Bradford visitors today.

John Hilton of Ormsby had business in town on Monday.

Mrs. John N. Anderson is visiting friends in Buffalo this week.

C. E. Blame and family are visiting in Bradford this week.

Miss Minnie Hinnen of [illegible] is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Maud Day of [illegible] was in town yesterday.

[illegible] of Clermont was in town Wednesday.

Dr. W. P. Forsyth of Mt. Jewett was a visitor in town on Monday.

Fred Walker visited his family in Warren, N. Y., over Sunday.

H. C. Wells was in Buffalo Monday and Tuesday purchasing goods.

Guy [illegible] and wife were guests of Straight friends over Sunday.

[illegible] of Mt. Jewett made the [illegible] Monday.

Miss Alice G. Hungiarding of Wilcox is the guest of Smethport friends.

P. R. Cotter, Esq., of Eldred was a business visitor in town on Monday.

Charles Fry of Buffalo was the guest of his brother, Sanford, over Sunday.

Mrs. Anna B. Gifford visited Straight Creek friends the forepart of the week.

Fred A. Miller of Bradford was a pleasant caller at this office Saturday.

Miss Josie Hobler and Miss Rena Galling visited Olean friends this week.

Mrs. John Smith and child of Ormsby were Smethport visitors on Wednesday.

A. E. Stickles, the Bucket Man, had business in Olean Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. J. F. Davis left on Tuesday for a visit to Bradford and Cambridge, Pa., friends.

Miss Fannie Cavanaugh of Clermont was the guest of Smethport friends on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warley Gifford have returned to this borough from Bradford for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sprague of Bridgeport, Conn., are visiting at the residence of A. T. Palmer.

Miss Helen Hacket of Emporium was the guest of Miss Alice Thamm the forepart of the week.

Peter Daly of Bradford was circulating among Smethport friends the forepart of the week.

Miss Mary Ryan and Miss Pansey Holland of Coudersport are visiting the family of Wm. Glavin.

Miss Ethel Gifford returned home from school Saturday and will spend the summer in Smethport.

Jas. A. McKean, J. R. Shoemaker and W. D. and F. Dr. Gallup returned from Philadelphia on Friday.

Mrs. E. Fretton of Smethport is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hallowell on Clay street.—Kane Republican.

Mrs. Judge White of Marienville was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cunningham the latter part of the week.

Miss Cook of New Castle, who is visiting friends in town, was the guest of Bradford friends the forepart of the week.

Mr and Mrs D. L. Forsythe left Wednesday for Whitesville, N. Y., where they will attend the Chapin family reunion.

Mrs. Chas. Wilson and son, Robert, of Smethport are visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Larson.—Kane Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. F. Smith and daughter are visiting Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brandt, on King street.

Mrs. S. A. Powell, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. A. Foster, of Bradford for the past week, returned home last night.

Miss Bessie Slooke, who has been in school at Washington, D. C., for the past eight months, is home for the summer vacation.

W. H. Morrison went to Bradford Tuesday night and it is claimed, he was the first man on the Wallace circus ground Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlo J. Hamlin and S. F. Redfield returned Wednesday evening from Geneva, N. Y., where they have been spending the past two weeks.

Misses Bertha Hall, Olive Winship and Miss Lilly of Port Allegany were brief visitors in town Tuesday while en route for Clarion State Normal school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Henry and friend, Mrs. J. W. Hussey and daughter, Jennie, Mrs. Ed. Hungerford, Miss Mc Manus, Miss Lucy Mitchell, Miss Bertha Kerns, Col. Burt Wilson, Hon. T. F. Richmond, J. W. Campbell and A. O. Doyle were among the Wednesday morning visitors to Bradford.

Fourth of July Events.

Races and contests that will occur at Smethport, Pa., July 4th, 1900:

[illegible] a. m. Biggest load contest; prize, barrel of flour.

10 a. m. open scratch road race, Backus's [illegible] course; purse, $25.

10:15 a. m. [illegible] mile bicycle race, boys under 17; purse, $5.

10 [illegible] a. m. [illegible] yard dash, open; purse, $5.

Applications for entrance to above must be made to S. Garton, Jr., before 9:30 a. m. July 4th.

[illegible] Slow and stocking race; purse $3.

1:15 p. m. Sack race; purse $3.

[illegible] p. m. Potato race; purse $3.

[illegible] p. m. Greased pig.

Applications for entrance to be made to S. Garton, Jr., at time of race.

A detailed program of our Fourth of July celebration will be circulated in all towns in this section by next Monday.

Prizes amounting to $50 will be given for best decorated and novelty decorated wheels in the parade.

Prizes amounting to $10 will be given to those who take part in the fantastic parade.

Hamlin & Redfield will be pleased to show a complete line of all kinds of builders' materials. Builders' [illegible] a specialty.

If you are going to travel you want a traveling bag. If you want one see Lemmer about it.

For the next ten days I will sell all my hats, flowers and chiffons at cost. In the Ford building.

Barb wire, poultry wire, screen wire at HOLMES & GILFILLAN'S.

Trunks and traveling bags, large assortment at Lemmer's.

Get [illegible] the prices of Hamlin & Redfield. Prices right.

Beautiful white hats for the 4th at Doyle's.

Correspondence.

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From Port Allegany Press.

Robert Kline of Smethport, the [illegible] was in town on [illegible] Monday afternoon.

George H. Stoddard of Smethport registered at the Sartwell House on Monday.

Mrs. E. L. Lalleridge made a business trip to the county seat yesterday.

Donald and Byron Vere of Smethport were guests of the Hotel Connelly yesterday.

While in town last night Rev. Sam Lindsley of the McKean Democrat favored this office with a call. [illegible] exceedingly pleasant visit. [illegible]

Will Gifford, an experienced [illegible] has accepted a position on the [illegible] at the Dalrymple [illegible] Mr. Gifford is an old time friend [illegible] is to be congratulated [illegible] services of a competent man.

Girl Killed in Duel.

A Bedford, Ind., special dated June 24 says: Albert Roberts and Oscar Jeans have been rival suitors of Miss Jennie Russell and Roberts and Miss Russell were out driving. They met Jeans and a pistol duel between the two men followed. Miss Russell leaped from the buggy and rushed between them, but they continued shooting and the girl was fatally wounded, it is alleged, from one of Roberts' shots.

Roberts grabbed the girl with one arm as she fell and continued firing with the other. Miss Russell died in a few hours after Roberts remained at her bedside even after her death. He is now almost insane. Jeans escaped and warrants are out for his arrest. All the persons are prominently connected.

Notice.

There will be a quarterly meeting of the Free Methodist church at the Swedish Mission church, this borough, on July 13, 14 and 15, 1900. Services as follows:

Friday evening at 7.45 o'clock; Sermon by Rev. W. B. Roupe, D. E.

Saturday afternoon: Sermon at 2:30. Also preaching at 7.45 in the evening.

Sunday: Love Feast at 9 o'clock a. m. Sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Roupe. Lord's Supper immediately after preaching. Also preaching at 7.45 p. m.

All are cordially invited to these services.

REV. F. J. BABLER, P. C.

Fourth of July Excursion Rates.

[illegible] this year sell excursion tickets account of July travel, between all stations [illegible] one, for a distance not exceeding [illegible] miles, at a single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold [illegible] and will be good for return passage until July 5th.

We are prepared to furnish all kinds of lumber and [illegible] on short notice. If you are going to build anything get our prices before buying.
HAMLIN & REDFIELD.

Valuable Property For Sale.

Houses and lots centrally located in Smethport; terms moderate. A store in the Reilly block for rent after May 22.
17-tf A. REILLY.

LOST—On road between Corryville and Eldred gentleman's open-faced silver watch. Finder will receive liberal reward by leaving same at the store of Anderson & Carlson, Smethport, Pa.

LOST—A gold log chain bracelet with friendship heart, between John Coady's residence and the Commercial hotel. Finder will please leave same at this office.

A fatal delicacy is the neglect of backache or other signs of kidney trouble. Foley's Kidney Cure is a sure remedy. For Bright's disease, diabetes and gravel. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

L. K. Hogarth & Co. have started their fountain and opened their ice cream parlor, with side entrance. Ice cream by the dish or in quantities.

Dan Bristed is prepared to furnish his customers with all kinds of garden truck. Everything in this line fresh and green.

When in need of anything in [illegible] give us a call. The prices are winners.
MASON'S HARDWARE.

R. C. Gleason will keep his photograph gallery open all day July 4th. You are invited to call.

Take the [illegible] for Bradford over the Kushequa Route for races.

Bark spuds $1 at
HOLMES & GILFILLAN'S.

Bell Brothers,
Olean, N. Y.

Carpets Less Than Wholesale
you will say when you see the prices we offer during the week.

Tapestry Brussels.
The best low carpet made, at
39c instead of 65c.
49c " " 75c.
75c " " 90c.
At 95c, $1.00, $1.15 instead of $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 for Axminister.

Furniture Sale.
June is the month for new housekeepers.
Look at our $35 bedroom suits that we are selling at $19.50.
Dining-room suits, 6 chairs, table and sideboard, $20 grade, all complete at $17.75.
Sanitary mattress, we control. We guarantee for dining-room, halls, etc. to introduce the goods to our trade all the week at [illegible].

Remarkable Shirt Waist Offer.
At [illegible] instead of $1.50 for handsome [illegible] waists.
At 75c instead of $1 and $1.50 for white lawn, handsome inserting and tucked.
The largest stock to select from in the city, ranging in price from 29c to $5.00.

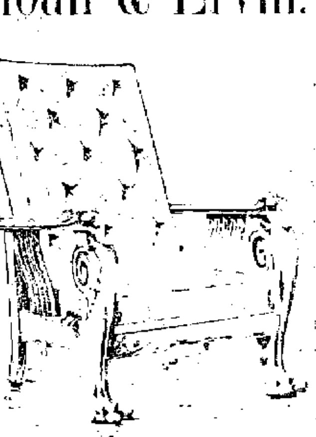
Tailor Suits.
Now is the time to buy them, ½ off marked price.
Buy Clothing at 50c instead of 75c, for boys' trousers—all wool. Handsome $3.00 suits at $1.98 and $2.50.

A Week of Bargains in White Wash Goods.

BELL BROTHERS,
The Leading Dry Goods, Carpet & Furniture House of Southwestern New York.

FOR SPRING
Nearly everybody wants something new and pretty to wear at Spring time. We have just received a new stock of Beautiful Neckwear, Gloves, Shirts and Hats. We also call attention to our magnificent stock of
Spring Clothing
for Men, Boys and Children. We can safely say that there has never been, in this city, such a stock of Overcoats, Suits and Pantaloons as we show this season, and at such very low prices. No matter what your shape is we can fit you.

IKE SIMONS,
46 Main St. Bradford, Pa.

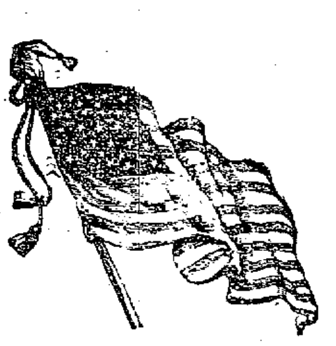
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FURNITURE
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The Leading JEWELER
WATCHES
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PATENTS
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OUR OFFICE IS OPPOSITE U. S. PATENT OFFICE
A PAMPHLET [illegible]
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OPP. PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
[illegible]

FRY & HERZOG
CASH STORE.
DRY GOODS, CARPETS, GENTS' FURNISHINGS.
MONARCH SHIRTS. Arrow Brand Collars and Cuffs.

Unfurl the Flag and loose the Bunting to the Breeze.


The 4th of July is only a few days ahead and you will want bunting and flags of course, plenty of them, too. No better place than right here to get them.
Flags—All sizes and prices.
Buntings—Plain and fancy.
Flags—5x8 ft., fast color, mounted on duck, $2.00.
Of course you will celebrate Independence Day in Smethport. Everybody else will be here.
Make our store your headquarters. You will want a place to sit down and put yourself together leisurely. Not necessary to buy, but if you happen to need anything in our line you will be sure to find the correct thing here.

Gloves	Shirts	Cravats
Parasols	Neckwear	Half Hose
Silk Mitts	Underwear	Suspenders
Shirt Waists	Wash Goods	Bicycle Hose

FRY & HERZOG,
New Clark Block, Smethport, Pa.

Beautiful Creations
Artistic Effects

All that's new and lovely in seasonable millinery can be found at our well known establishment. Our hats are not back-number "machine trimmed" goods, but every one a perfect product of the milliner's art. Our skillful milliners are strictly conversant with the very latest ideas, and you will be entirely satisfied, as you have learned by experience, with our goods. Call and see our elegant assortment.

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REILLY BLOCK, SMETHPORT, PA.

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FIREWORKS
Large Variety.
Low Prices.
The Best.

A Bold Announcement!
Read it and you will be Convinced of its boldness.

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We propose to meet the prices of any of the Department Stores or Catalogue Houses.

[illegible] and we will meet each and every price they make and furnish you the same goods at the same prices they offer you.

WE WILL GO FURTHER.

[illegible]

Is there anything wrong about our Proposition?

[illegible]

We handle a full line of Shelf Hardware, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Window Glass, Lumber, Sash Doors, etc.

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Holmes & Gilfillan,
Smethport, Pa.

Jennie Baxter, Journalist.

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sleeping car would not have been changed for room A at the very last moment. As it was the editor could say to the official: "The Russian police robbed your messenger in spite of all the precautions that could be taken, and my emissary cozened the Russians. So, you see, I have accomplished what the whole power of the British government was powerless to effect; therefore it will be wisdom on your part to come to terms with me."

"Your room is ready for you," said the conductor in French.

She had presence of mind enough not to comprehend his phrase until, with a motion of his hand, he explained his meaning. She entered her compartment and closed the door.

Having decided what disposal to make of the important document, there now arose in her mind the disquieting problem whether or not it would be allowed to remain with her. She cogitated over the situation, and tried to work out the mental arithmetic of it. Trains were infrequent on the Russian railways, and she had no means of estimating when the burly ruffian who had planned and executed the robbery would get back to St. Petersburg. There was no doubt that he had not the right to open the letter and read its contents; that privilege rested with some higher official in St. Petersburg. The two men had got off at the first stopping place. It was quite possible that they would not reach the capital until next morning, when the Berlin express would be well on its way to the frontier. Once over the frontier she would be safe, but the moment it was found that the envelope merely contained a copy of an English newspaper, what might not happen? Would the Russian authorities dare telegraph to the frontier to have her searched, or would the big official who had



She jerked the letter from the amazed and frightened man.

planned the robbery suspect that she, by legerdemain, had become possessed of the letter so much sought for? Even if he did suspect her, he would certainly have craft enough not to admit it. His game would rather be to maintain that this was the veritable document found in the Englishman's dispatch box, and it was more than likely, taking into consideration the change of room at the last moment, which would show the officials the existence of suspicion in the messenger's mind, or in the minds of those who sent him, that the natural surmise would be that another messenger had gone with the real document, and that the robbed man was merely a blind to delude the Russian police. In any case, Jennie concluded, there was absolutely nothing to do but remain awake all night and guard the treasure which good luck had bestowed upon her. She stood up on her bed, about to stuff her handkerchief into the hole bored in the partition, but suddenly paused and came down to the floor again. No; discomforting as it was to remain in a room under possible espionage, she dared not stop the openings, as that would show she had cognizance of them, and arouse the conductor's suspicion that, after all, she had understood what had been said, whereas, if she left them as they were, the fact of her doing so would be strong confirmation of her ignorance. She took from her bag a scarf, tied one end round her wrist and the other to the door, so that it could not be opened, should she fall asleep, without awakening her. Before intrenching herself thus she drew the eyelids down over the lamp, and left her room in darkness. Then, if any one did spy upon her, they would not see the dark scarf which united her wrist with the door.

In spite of the danger of her situation she had the utmost difficulty in keeping awake. The rumble of the train had a very somnolent effect, and once or twice she started up, fearing that she had been slumbering. Once she experienced a tightening sensation in her throat, and sprang to the floor, seeing the rising gas, somehow made visible, the color of blood. The scarf drew her to her knees, and for a moment she thought some one clutched her wrist. Panting, she undid the scarf and flooded the room with light. Her heart was beating wildly, but all was still, save the ever present rumble of the train rushing through the darkness over the boundless plains of Russia. She looked at her tiny watch; it was 2 o'clock in the morning. She knew then that she must have fallen asleep in spite of her strong resolutions. The letter was still in the inside pocket of her jacket, and all was well at 2 in the morning. No eye appeared at either of the apertures, so she covered up the light once more and lay down again, sighing to think how rumpled her costume would look in the morning. Now she was resolved not to go to sleep, if force of will could keep her awake. A moment later she was startled by some one beating down the partition with an ax. She sprang up, and again the scarf pulled her back. She untied it from her wrist and noticed that daylight flooded the compartment. This amazed her. How could it be daylight so soon, in northern Russia? After a breathless pause there was a rap at her door, and the voice of the conductor said:

"Breakfast at Luga, madame, in three-quarters of an hour."

"Very good," she replied in English, her voice trembling with fear. Slowly she untied the scarf from the door and placed it in her hand bag. She shivered notwithstanding her effort at self control, for she knew she had slept through the night and far into the morning. In agitation she unbuttoned her jacket. Yes, there was the letter, just where she had placed it. She dare not take it out and examine it, fearing still that she might be watched from some unseen quarter, but "Thank God," she said to herself fervently, "this horrible night is ended. Once over the frontier I am safe."

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Pleasures of Opulence.

Dorothy—Pa, I do wish we were rich.

Dorothy's Pa—How rich would you like to be?

Dorothy—Oh, awfully rich; rich enough to snub people and still be called agreeable!—Chicago Record.

A German tailor who died at Breslau in 1837 had such keen sight that he was able to see two of Jupiter's four moons with the naked eye.

Good fortune sometimes comes to us in a very shabby looking carriage.

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That may light the pathway drear
Of a brother pilgrim here,
Let him know.
Show him you appreciate
What he does, and do not wait
Till the heavy hand of fate
Lays him low.
If your heart contains a thought
That would brighter make his lot,
Then, I beg you, hide it not;
Tell him so.

Life is hard enough at best,
But the love that is expressed
Makes it seem a pathway blest
To our feet;
And the troubles that we share
Seem the easier to bear.
Smile upon your neighbor's care
As you greet.
Rough and stony are our ways,
Dark and dreary are our days,
But another's love and praise
Makes them sweet.

Wait not till your friend is dead
Ere your compliments are said,
For the spirit that has fled,
If it know,
Does not need to speed it on
Our poor praise; where it has gone
Love's eternal, golden dawn
Is aglow.
But unto our brother here
That poor praise is very dear.
If you've any word of cheer,
Tell him so.

—Denver News.

KILLING HIS MAN.

BY M. QUAD.

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"Have I ever killed a man?"

Of a sudden, as he lay dozing on his bed in camp one day, Private Hollins asked this question of himself. He had been in battle and skirmish. He had fired away his 40 rounds and fired to kill, but as he began to recall all his battles he could not remember that he had ever had an enemy so near and so fairly before him that his bullet had surely done the work. There were few soldiers who boasted of taking life. There were sharpshooters who had brought down a dozen men, but they never talked about it. Men were promoted for desperate fighting, which sometimes meant killing single handed, but they were proud only of the promotion. It was a curious question Private Hollins asked of himself, and it led to strange results. He was not a bloodthirsty man, and yet as he lay thinking the idea came to him that he had not done himself justice as a soldier. He had not killed a man. When the war was over and he had returned home, he would be asked the question. His friends and neighbors wouldn't be satisfied with his record of battles, but would sweep it aside and say:

"Yes; we know you were in five or six battles and that you fired hundreds of bullets at the enemy, but can you truthfully say you ever brought a man down?"

He couldn't say it, and he felt that he would lose caste. This feeling brought a sudden resolve. It was a resolve that startled him at first, but the more he thought of it the more determined he was to carry it out. He would kill a man; he would do it next time he went on picket. There were no orders against firing. It was by tacit agreement among the pickets that they refrained. If he brought one of the enemy down, he would not be reproved even if not praised. He would not boast of the kill to his comrades, but when he reached home and farmers and their wives and sons sat listening to his stories of war he could answer the question they would be sure to put, and answer in the affirmative. It was a fortnight before Private Hollins was detailed for picket duty. He was not impatient. He was willing that time should pass, but when the opportunity came he would kill a man. He never wavered in this resolution.

"This is your post, Hollins," said the corporal as he left him one afternoon at the edge of a wood under a large oak. "We don't know exactly where the enemy's picket is, but it's somewhere around that log house. However, if you don't get too fresh and go to walking around in the open he won't bother you. There hasn't been a shot fired along here for two weeks. If you go in for roasted acorns, don't make much of a fire."

"Today I shall kill a man," said Private Hollins as he was left alone, and he began his preparations at once. At long rifle shot, away across an old cottonfield, was a log house with a few fruit trees standing about it. One might be sure the farmer was off to war and that wife and children, if they had not abandoned the place, were having a miserable existence. Hollins crept down to the fringe of bushes on his side of the field and peered and watched and waited like an Apache in ambush. For an hour he saw nothing. Then a gaunt, ill used dog came among the trees and trotted about in the open in a sneaking, furtive way. If the dog was there, the house must be inhabited. He had just come to this conclusion when he caught sight of a figure among the trees. It was between the house and the bushes, where he believed the enemy's picket was lying. It must be the picket on his way to and from the well. Perhaps he had gone to the house to light his pipe or boil his coffee. There was a glimpse and it was gone. Another glimpse, another hiding, and then the figure was fair to view. It was a long shot, but a pretty fair target, and without an instant's hesitation he drew up his gun and fired. When he looked over the smoke, the figure was gone.

"But I know I hit him, and he's lying dead on the grass," said the soldier as he reloaded his gun. "Now I can tell them at home that I killed a man. Mighty long shot, but I dropped him for sure."

The dog was still in the open. As the shot rang out he looked back among the trees. As the echoes died away he turned his head toward Hollins and howled dismally. A moment later and the figure of a young girl appeared beside the dog. She was bareheaded, barefooted and not over 8 years old. Hesitating for only a moment, she began advancing across the field. The smoke from the soldier's musket had located him. The dog followed at her heels, head and tail down, and with surprise Hollins watched the girl's approach. It took her five minutes to cross the field. She came straight at him as he stood up among the bushes, and when she reached him she extended her hand and clasped his and said:

"Come along, you!"

He rested his musket against a log and permitted her to lead him out into the open and across the field. He did not inquire why she had come. He did not ask where she was leading him. Not a question passed his lips, nor did she speak further. Straight across the field to the trees among which his victim had stood, but long before he got there he saw a form on the grass. By and by they were close up to it, and the girl let go of his hand and pointed and said:

"You shot mam!"

It wasn't a man lying dead on the grass, soldier or farmer, but a woman. The soldier rubbed his eyes and looked around in a dazed way. A boy of 10 and a girl of 5 came out of the house and stood there and looked from the soldier to the dead woman and back. They spoke no word; they shed no tears. It was true that the enemy's picket post was in the bushes a few rods away. The man on post came out of his hiding. He came walking slowly down, and when he had reached the body there was a gasp in his throat. He looked around upon the children, looked up at the blue sky as if speaking to God and, with a groan, turned his back on the place and returned to his post.

"Well?" queried Hollins of the children as they continued to stare at him.

They simply pointed to the mother lying dead and uttered no word. The soldier tried to speak again, but he could not. With face whiter than the one on the grass, with quivering chin and blinded eyes, he made his way slowly across the old field to his post. As he lurched and staggered he heard the dog howl again, but no one fired upon him, no one called to him. When he reached his post, he sat down on the ground and covered his face with his hands and groaned. An hour later the corporal came with the relief. Hollins was lying on the ground with arms extended.

"Say, boys," said the corporal as he bent over the body, "I'll be hanged if Dan hasn't gone and killed himself with his own musket! Who'd ever have thought it of him?"

Up there among the trees, standing about with the awe of death upon them, the children had heard the shot, and as they looked at each other the girl had whispered:

"Mebbe he's dead too!"

Cable Jointers.

Cable jointers are clever specialists who work for telegraphic engineers and contract to the memorandum of agreement to go anywhere. They are employed on the ships of the ocean telegraph companies, and their duty is to make splices and joints in the cables which are dragged up from the sea for repairs. To those who are not initiated this would seem to be fairly easy work, but it really requires great skill and takes years to learn. Few are aware how liable to damage undersea cables are. In the case of some of the old lines there is scarcely a mile of the cable that has not one or more joints in it.

Expert engineers can determine in a length of thousands of miles to within a few feet where a break in a cable is, the telegraph ship proceeds to the spot, which is indicated by a buoy; the damaged length of cable is dragged up, and the jointers proceed to cut out the fault and deftly splice the cable. The slightest mistake, a tiny air bubble, in the reheated India rubber would spoil the insulation. That would mean that the cable would fail to transmit messages at an important moment and that a ship, with all its high priced scientific staff, would have to steam hundreds or perhaps thousands of miles to pick up the cable again.—New York Sun.

When Not to Keep Books.

She decided that the only way to run a house economically was to keep a set of books, so she made all necessary purchases, including a bottle of red ink, and started in.

It was a month later when her husband asked her how she was getting along.

"Splendidly," she replied.

"The system is a success, then?"

"Yes, indeed. Why, I'm $60 ahead already!"

"Sixty dollars!" he exclaimed. "Heavens! You'll be rich before long. Have you started a bank account?"

"No, not yet."

"What have you done with the money?"

"Oh, I haven't got the money, you know! That's only what the books show. But just think of being $60 ahead!"

"I'm, yes! But I don't exactly see"—

"And all in one month too!"

"Of course. But the money? What has become of that?"

"I don't exactly know," she said doubtfully. "I've been thinking of that, and I think we must have been robbed. What do you think we had better do about it?"

He puffed his pipe in solemn silence for a moment and then suggested:

"We might stop keeping books. That's easier than complaining to the police."—Atlanta Constitution.

The Lecturer's Blunder.

One of the institutions of New York that are praised by all the public without reserve is the course of free lectures in the public schools. These lectures are given before splendid audiences and, as a rule, by persons of veracity and intelligence. Occasionally, however, in order to get a lecturer on a rare subject, a mistake is made.

Recently a lecture was given by a person who had been on an excursion to the North cape. Among other wonderful things he saw there was the eclipse of the sun. He gasped for breath as he told of the weirdly grand sight. He told of the streamers of fire that blazed from the obscured orb to all quarters of the heavens. But his frenzy carried him too far for a public school audience, for he declared that among the stars made visible in the midst of day he saw the planets circling in their courses. He even called the planets that he saw by name, but he made a fatal mistake. He said he saw Neptune.

This statement called for a round of sarcastic applause that he mistook for commendation, for he smiled in a happy way as it echoed through the halls. Evidently he did not know that Neptune is invisible except with the most powerful telescope.—New York Mail and Express.

Saved His Honor.

"Vat ees eet, Jean?"

"Monsieur, ze doctaire comes today to vaccinate monsieur."

"Nevaire! I vill die first! Eet ees degrading! Eet ees an insult!"

"But, monsieur, eet ees also ze law."

"Shameful! How can I suffaire a beast of a doctaire wiz hees brutal weapons to stab me, me, ze Count de Mooseolonge? Nevaire!"

"But eet ees ze law, monsieur."

"Perfidious law! Ah, I have eet! I have eet now! Beautiful! Listen! You will prepaire ze swords!"

"Ze swords, monsieur?"

"Prepaire ze swords. On ze point of one sword, monsieur, ze doctaire will rub his vaccinate mattaire. See? Zen he will diffaire from me on a question. I will feel insulted. I will challenge ze doctaire. He will accept, naming swords as ze weapons. We will fight at once, and here ze doctaire takes ze prepared sword. See? One, two, three! Ze doctaire pricks me slightly in ze arm. Ha, ha! Honor is satisfied! I am vaccinated!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Boy's "Friend."

A boy having been taken to task for violation of school rules, the principal, a woman, told him to ask his father to call at the school. Next day the boy appeared with a rather seedy looking man whom he introduced as his father. The head of the school and visitor had a talk, and the latter promised to do all in his power to make the boy see the error of his ways. Some days later the boy was overheard saying to some of his companions: "I played a good joke on Miss Blank. I introduced a bum as me father, and she never caught on."

"Wasn't that man your father?" asked one of the listeners.

"Nope," was the answer. "He was me friend."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Family Resemblance.

A young gentleman took his little sister with him while calling the other evening at a house where he is a regular visitor. The little girl made herself quite at home and showed great fondness for one of the young ladies, hugging her heartily.

"How very affectionate she is," said the lady of the house.

"Yes; so like her brother," responded the young lady unthinkingly.—Buffalo Courier.

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How Lincoln Won His Wife.

Mr. Lincoln used to take great delight in telling how he gained a suit by his ugly looks. "That has been published, but I have not seen another in print telling how he gained his wife. Mrs. Lincoln was a beautiful lady, attractive, sharp, witty and told a joke even at her own expense. She was staying with her sister [illegible] wards. She had not [illegible] before everybody knew Miss Mary Todd. She often said: "When a girl, I thought I would not marry until I could get one of the handsomest men in the country, but since I became a woman I learned I can't get such a man, which has caused me to change my mind. I have concluded now to marry the ugliest looking man I can find."

Later on Lincoln came to town. She had never seen him before [illegible] him on the street. She [illegible] he was and went home [illegible] sister she had seen her man, the ugliest man I ever saw, Abraham Lincoln, and I am going to set my cap for him."

That became a common saying [illegible] gossip. When they were married, instead of taking a bridal trip they went to the Globe hotel, owned by the writer and occupied by a tenant. They took board at $4 a week. When he got a deed he bought a lot for $500 and built a four room house costing less than $1,000. When he received $5,000 from his great railroad case, he spent $1,500 of it in putting a second story on his house, and there he lived until he went to Washington. Thomas Lewis in Leslie's Weekly.

He Telegraphed Up One Flight.

That New York is a big city which the stranger seldom learns very well was quite forcibly impressed upon a certain well known Californian a few days ago. He visits New York twice a year and has long since learned to find his way about.

He was stopping about in the [illegible] district and suddenly remembered [illegible] he wanted to telegraph to a friend whose offices are at 195 Broadway. The Californian dodged into the nearest telegraph office, wrote out his dispatch and, covering it with the coin, passed it through the wicket to the receiver. The receiver smiled.

"What is the matter?" demanded the Californian.

"Why, this is 195 Broadway," said the receiver, "and your man is up just one flight of stairs."

There was a confused period that lasted about a second, and when the Californian got his nerve back he calmly said: "I know that. Let it go anyway. I guess I can telegraph a toss the room or this counter if I want to and have the money. We do that thing out in California every day for a joke."

The receiver may have been blatted, but as receivers go they are hard to impress. San Francisco Chronicle.

Easily Managed.

House Hunter—But are you sure that the cellar is perfectly dry?

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Real Estate Dealer—Come to think of it, it was that other house on the other side of the street that has the dry cellar. The cellar in this house is never free from water! Really, sir, I think it will suit you immensely.—Boston Transcript.

Got Over the Limit.

The late Senator Sawyer of Wisconsin was a very generous giver of charity and of presents, which he never let the beneficiary would have cared to denominate as charity, though the gifts amounted to an [illegible]. He told a friend one day that he was going to turn over a new leaf and try to keep his donations down to a limit that would not exceed $1,000 a month. Three months after he had announced this resolution his friend asked how he had made out.

"I started off pretty well," he replied, "and if I hadn't run on an old friend of mine in Wisconsin who had struck hard luck I should have got through. I think I should have kept within the limit."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Try a Change.

You have probably tried the plan of making others miserable and found little comfort in it. Try making others happier. Possibly it will suit you better. Too many people have the habit of saying disagreeable things to and about others. There is no pleasure in it, but there is so much unhappiness in the world that you can gain more satisfaction by saying kind things of people, by doing kind things. Don't cut and slash. It only makes a terrible people more miserable. The fact that others cut and slash you is no excuse for adopting their mistaken policy. With a little modesty and a little kindness you can do missionary work every day and accomplish a great deal of good.—Atchison Globe.

The Newly Elected Alderman.

When a politician has just been elected a member of the council and the directory man comes around next day and asks him what his occupation is, he has to struggle with himself sometimes not to answer, "Statesman."—Somerville Journal.

Wrangling In the Choir.

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1:45 P. M.—Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Davis, Aiken, Kinzua Junction and Bradford; connecting with B. R. & P. for Buffalo and Rochester, arriving at Buffalo at 5:55 p. m. and Rochester at 7:30 p. m. Also for Mt. Jewett and Kane; connecting at Kane with P. & E. R. R. for Sheffield, Penna., Warren, Corry, Union City and Erie.

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